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ミゲール（ミカエル）は9歳の時に日本にやって来たペルー人の少年。素直な性格の持ち主だが、身内に何かがあると、暴力的になってしまう側面も持っていて。ミカエル&リコの青春グラフィティ、待望のスタート第1巻！！

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# NATURAL

第1巻

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I've  
always  
dreamt  
of,

A sky  
that was  
completely  
blue, save  
for the  
shadow of a  
condor gliding  
high up in  
the clouds.





Sfx: Woosh

This is the sound of morning.

ゴキ

This is the sound of the city waking up.

In Tokyo and in New York, the same sound can be heard everywhere.

Wake up!

Riko!

It's already morning!

Sfx: Clench







Did he?

Did dad call us?



Mm -

So eat your breakfast now.

I will tell you as soon as he calls us.



Sfx: Cut



Can I cut it out, mom?

Just eat your breakfast!

Do whatever you want,



Ah, there is an article about Peru!

\*

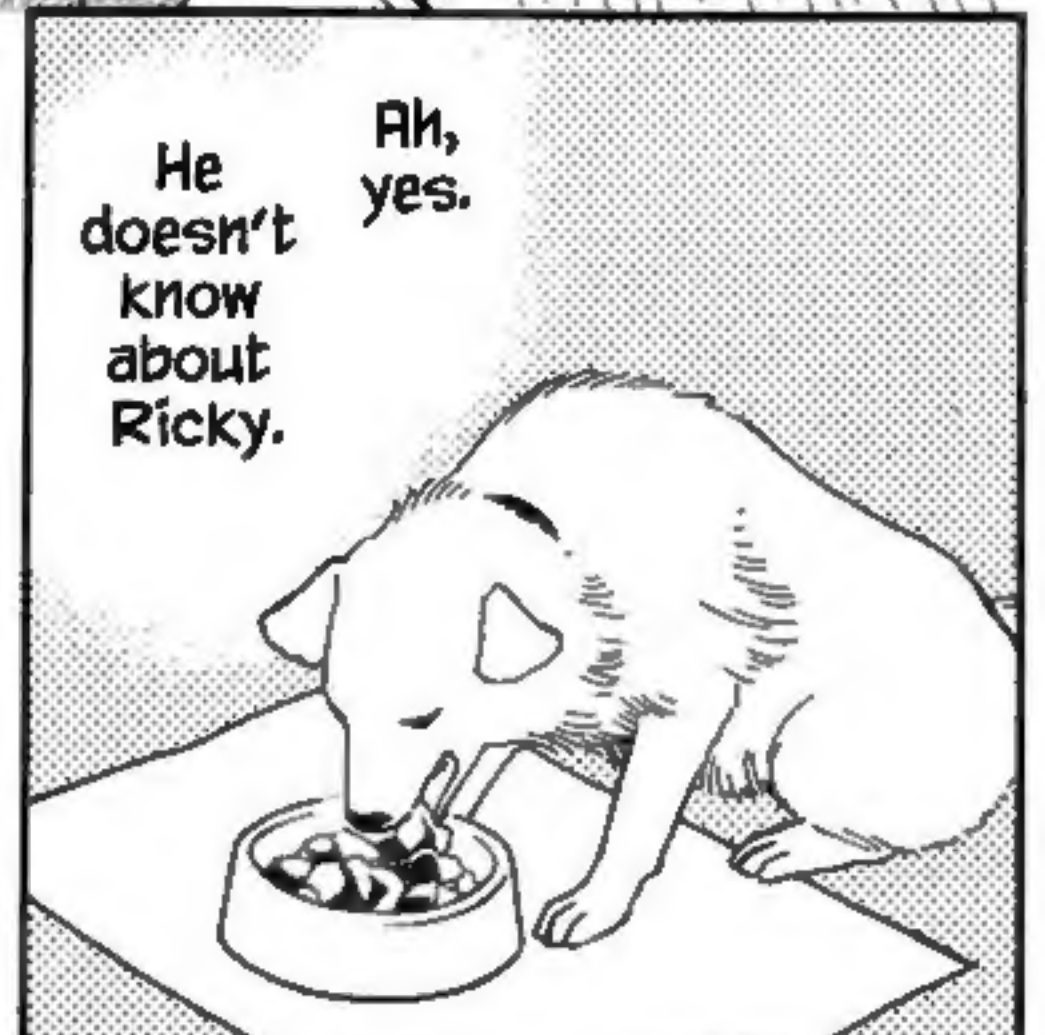


# 前哨戦

Sfx: Ring











How are you all?  
 I feel like it hasn't been long since the ending of Alexandrite. There has been an earthquake and a fire and many smaller disasters since that story's conclusion. I thought to myself: new and shocking things are happening one after another. And now there is a record-breaking typhoon! Lots of alarms are sounding around the Tokyo area. My house has been reinforced against the wind and the rain, so my rain door is a great help. But the trees in the park have been rustling and I feel nature is such an amazing force. I have one family member in my house. I picked up a kitten who had been sadly curled up under the window of my Tokyo home. I think she is one month old? Her eyes are full of sleep and her nose is full of snot. Also her body is dirty so I think she's been away from her family for a long time...



She looks cute from behind.



But she is scary when viewed from the front.







Younger  
brother  
-!?



When I first  
heard it, I  
wondered whether  
he had been hiding an  
illegitimate  
child? I thought  
that and became  
nervous...

Uwah!

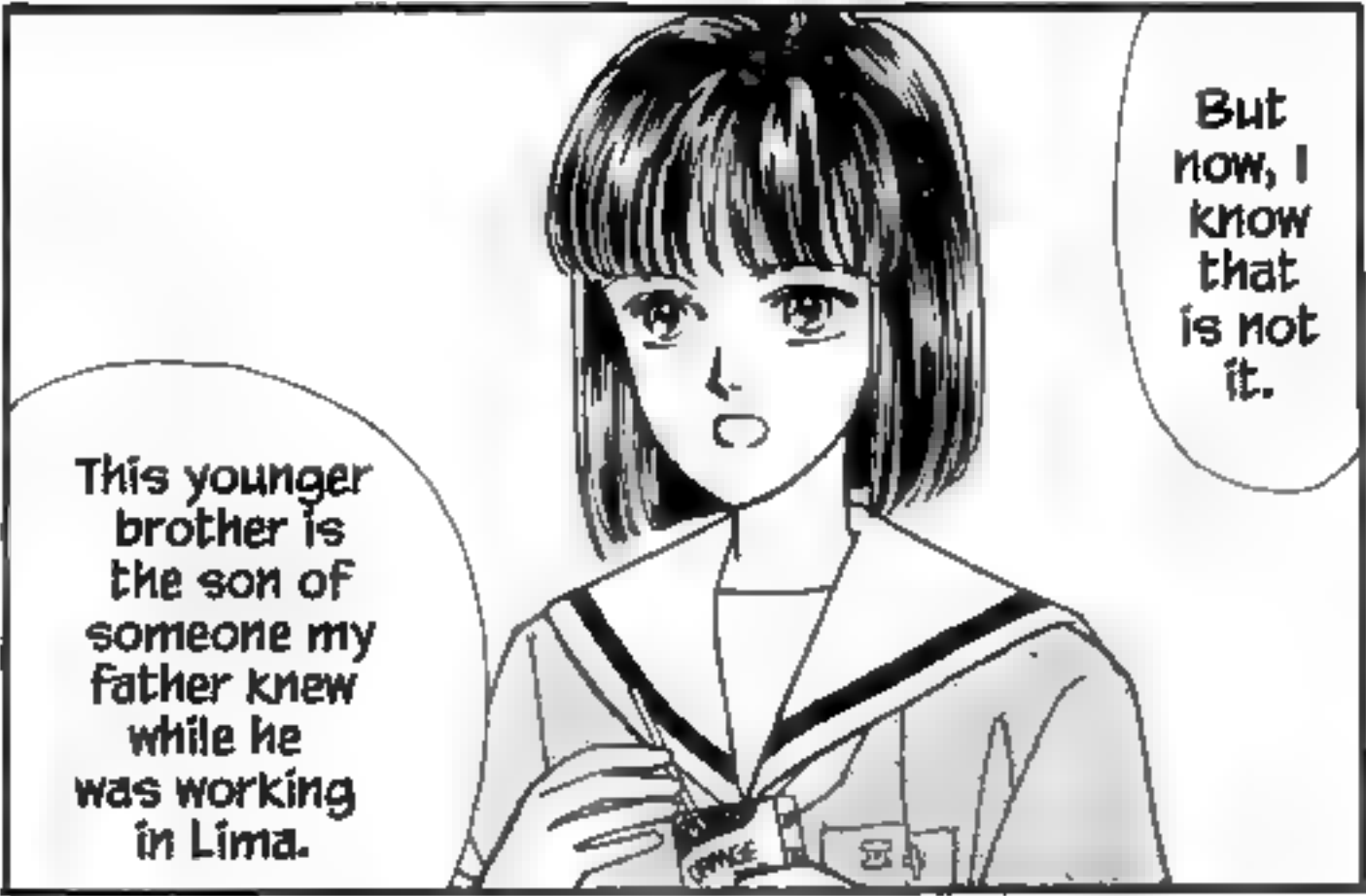


But  
what  
does  
that  
mean  
?!?

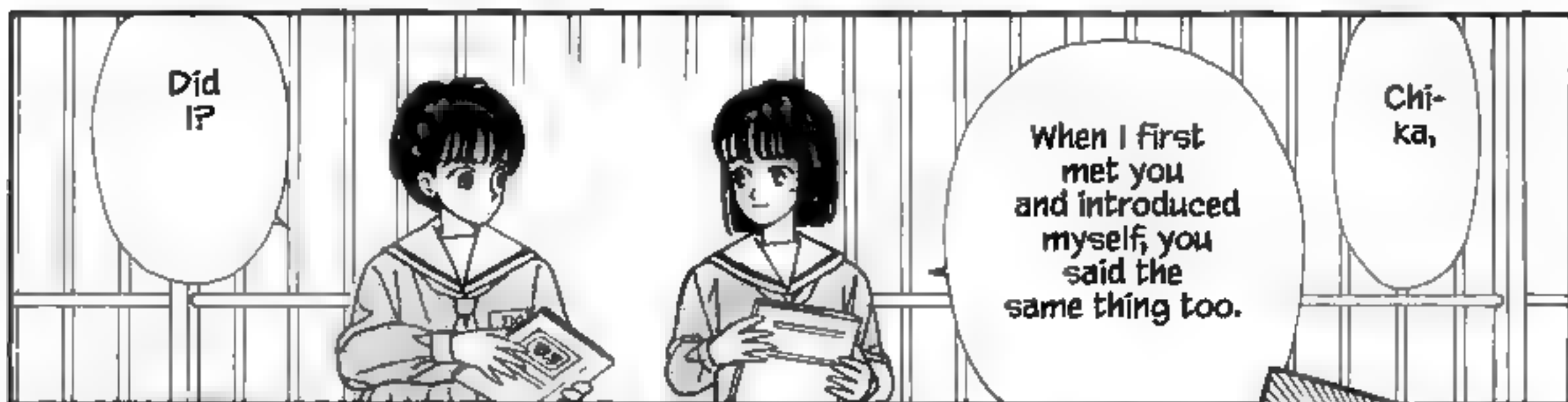
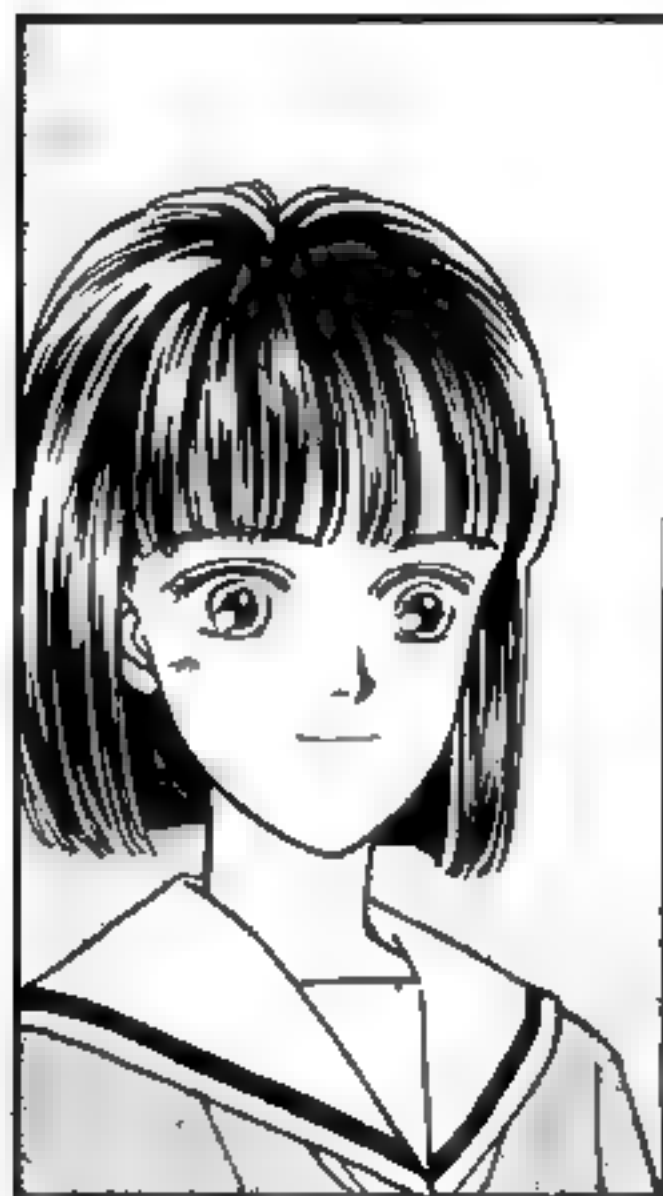
Don't  
make  
such  
a loud  
noise,  
Chika!



\*Lima is the capital of Peru. 500,000 people live there.











And you  
are a  
3rd year  
too!

We  
are  
doing  
our  
morning  
study  
here.



Ah, it's  
Yuki.



Hey,  
won't you  
practice  
with me?

Don't  
come  
down!

Why are  
you at the  
gym  
during  
the  
morning  
study  
session?



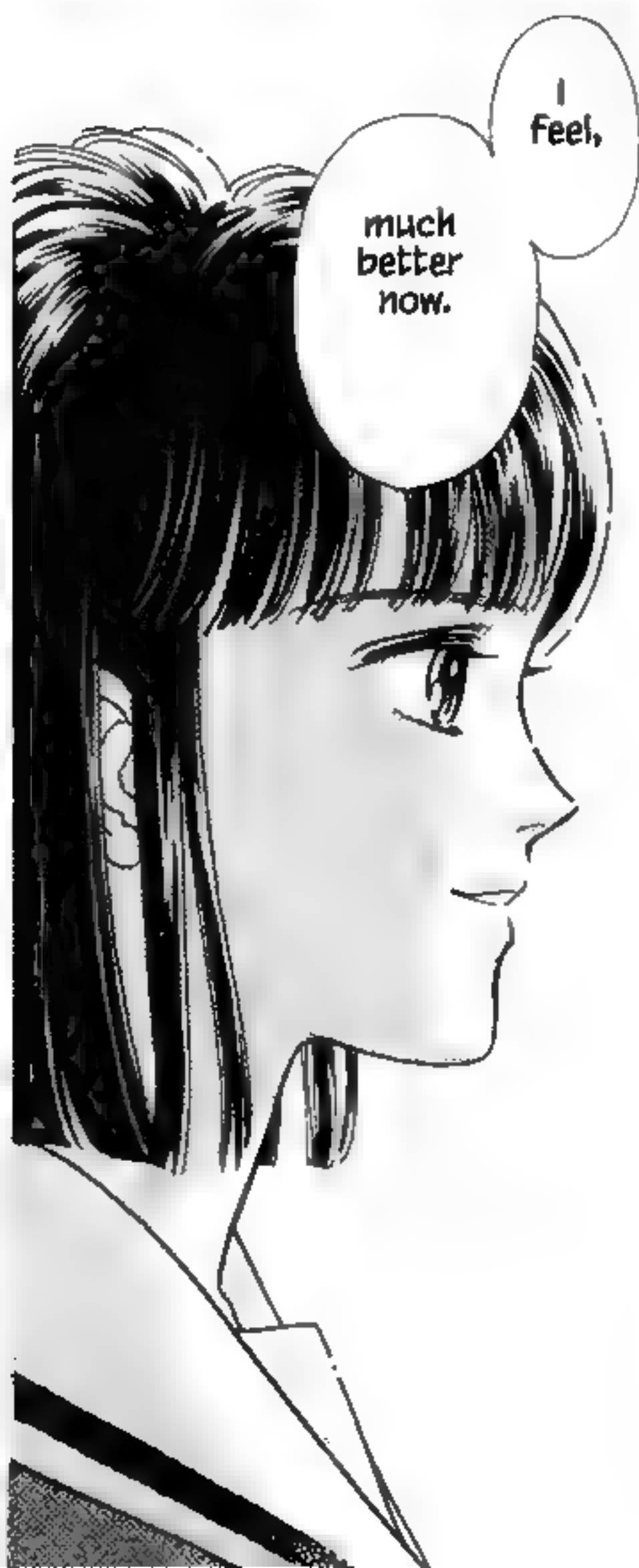
I am the  
type of  
person  
who wants  
to do the  
things I'm  
told can't  
do.

He  
is  
mean.



Ah...

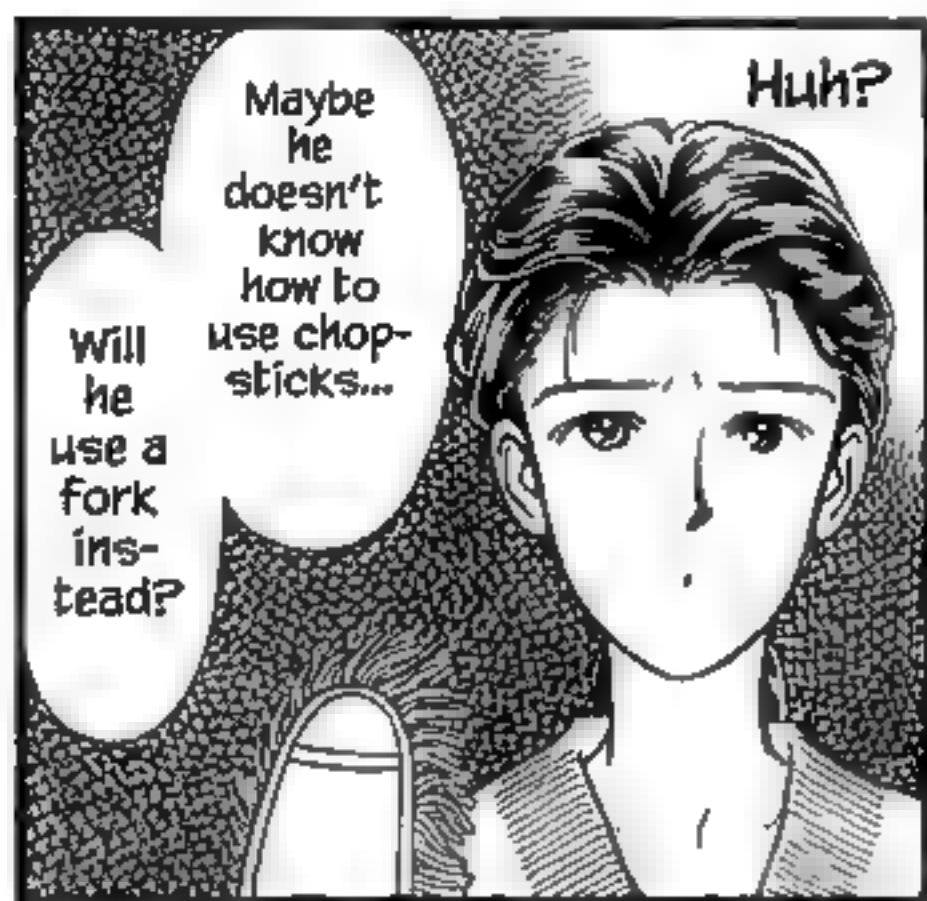








Mom,  
did you  
buy a  
new  
bowl?



Will  
he  
use a  
fork  
ins-  
tead?

Maybe  
he  
doesn't  
know  
how to  
use chop-  
sticks...

Huh?



Chop-  
sticks  
too  
...

He  
will  
get  
used  
to it  
soon.



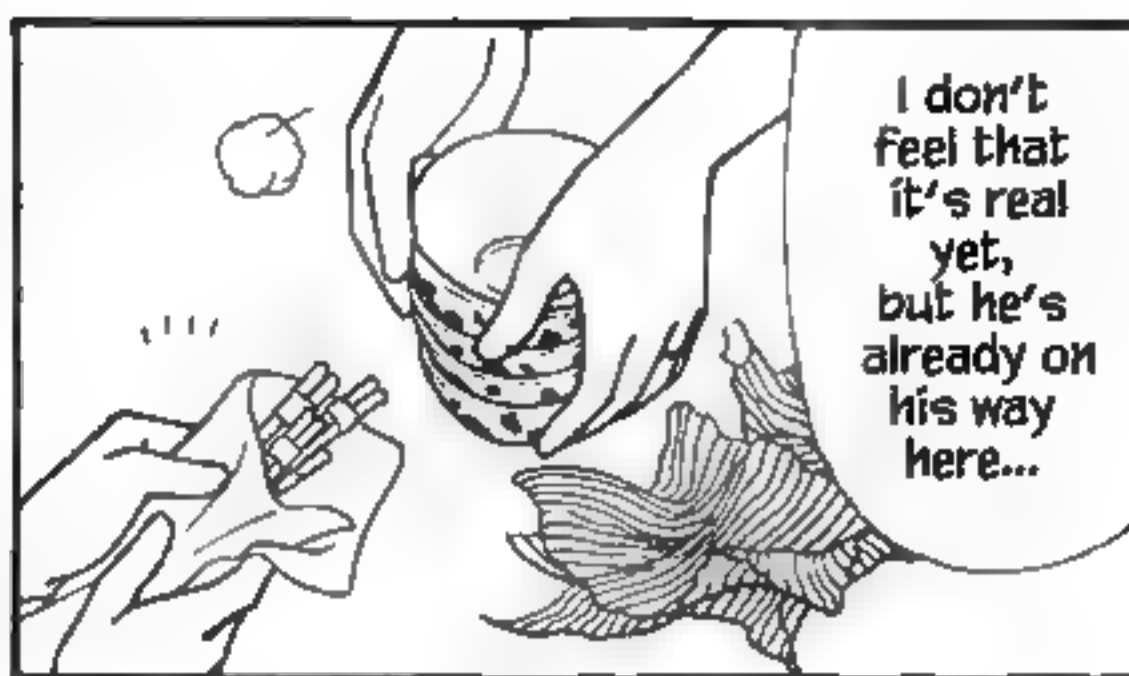
Wow,  
it's  
pretty.  
It's  
colorful  
...!

I bou-  
ght  
chop-  
sticks  
too.

Yeah,  
it's  
his  
first  
time  
here.



Sfx: Bark



Sfx: Bark





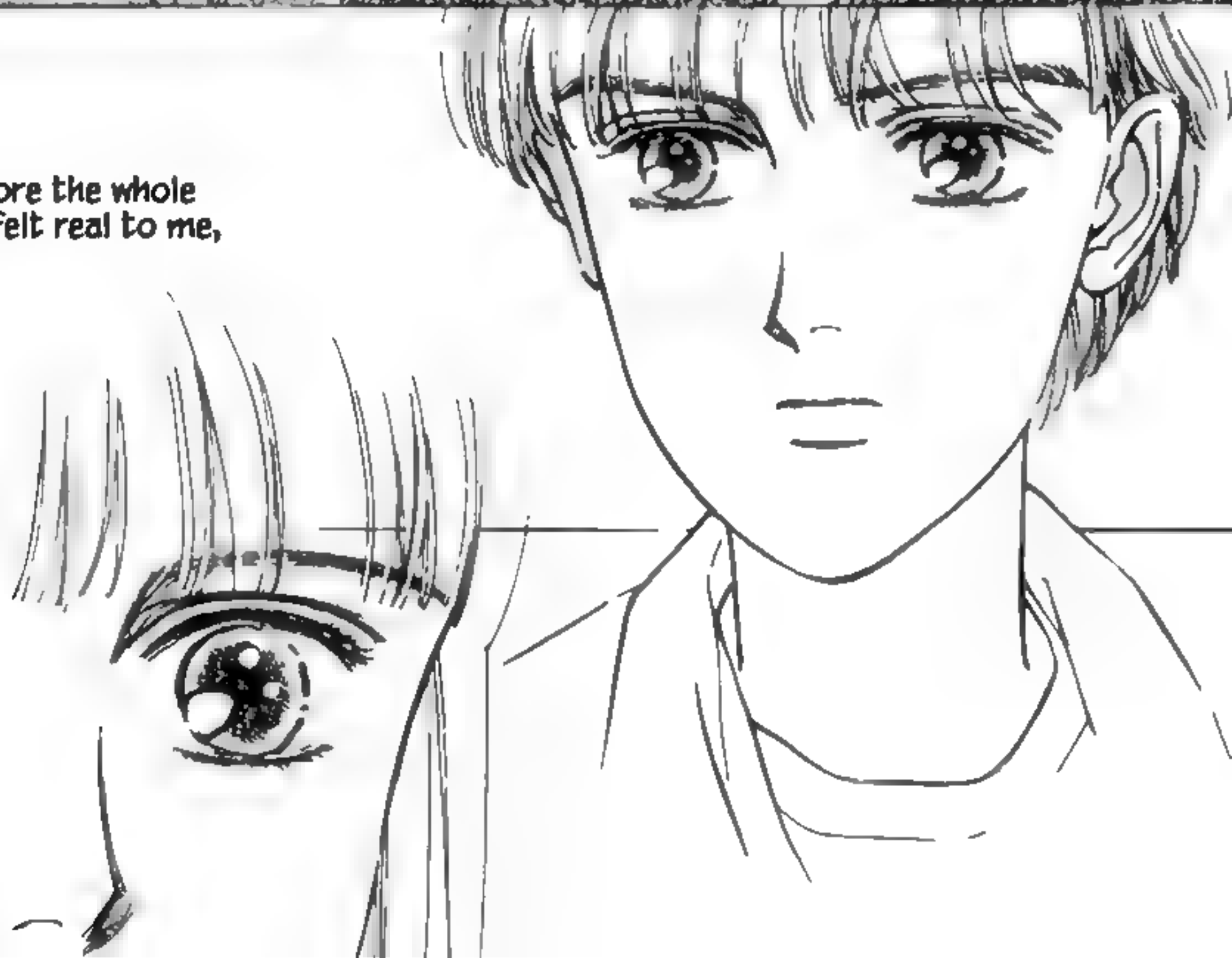
Sfx:  
Click







Even before the whole  
situation felt real to me,







He learnt Japanese while his parents worked here for 3 years.

He is smart.

Michael is 9 years old.

He is in year 4 at primary school.

Yes -!

Then we can speak with him?



I was faced with reality.



He looks like a mixed blood.

Brown hair and tanned skin.



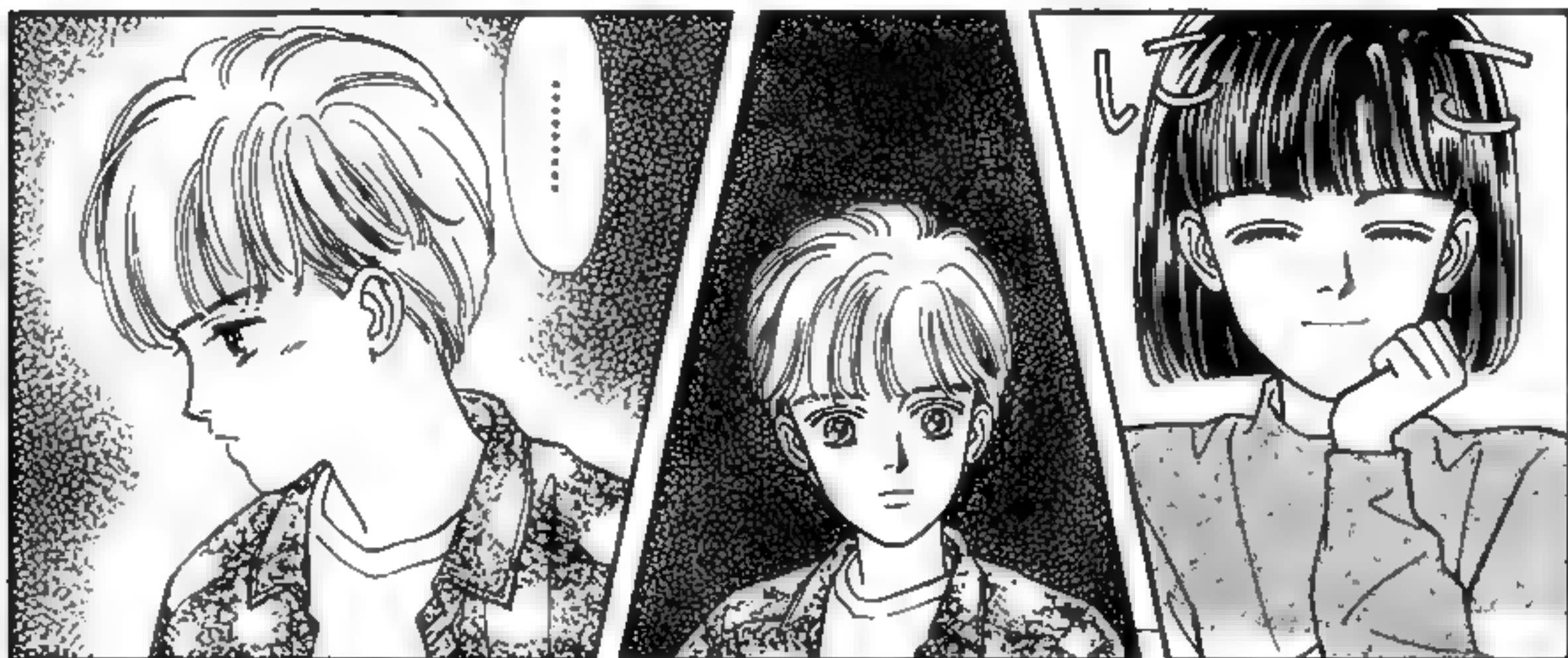
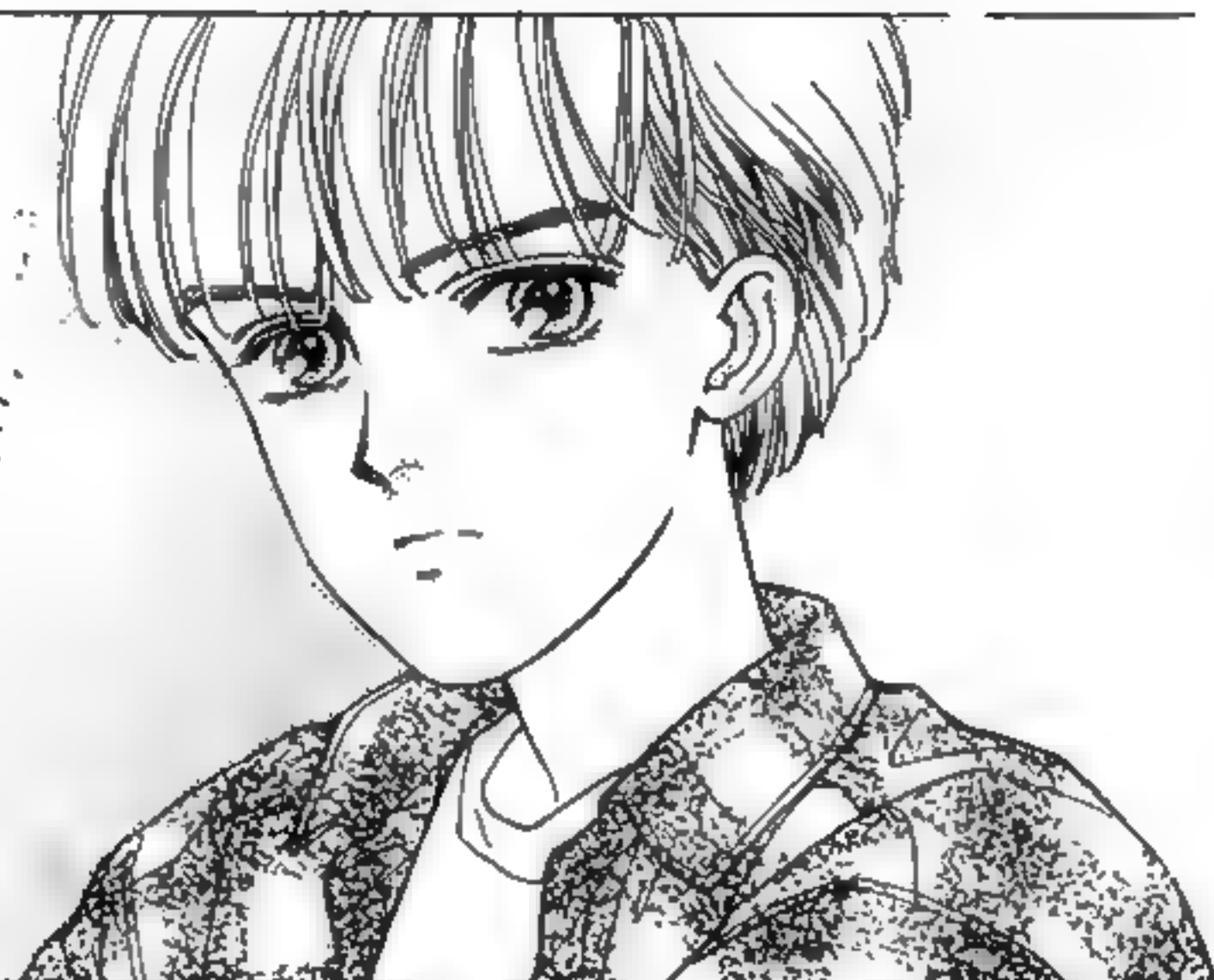
He is better at english though.

\*Peruvian people are made up of White people 10%, Indigenous people 30%, and the rest of the people are of mixed blood.



I think he looks  
very different  
from Japanese  
people.

His eyes are  
very different.



Sfx: Smile

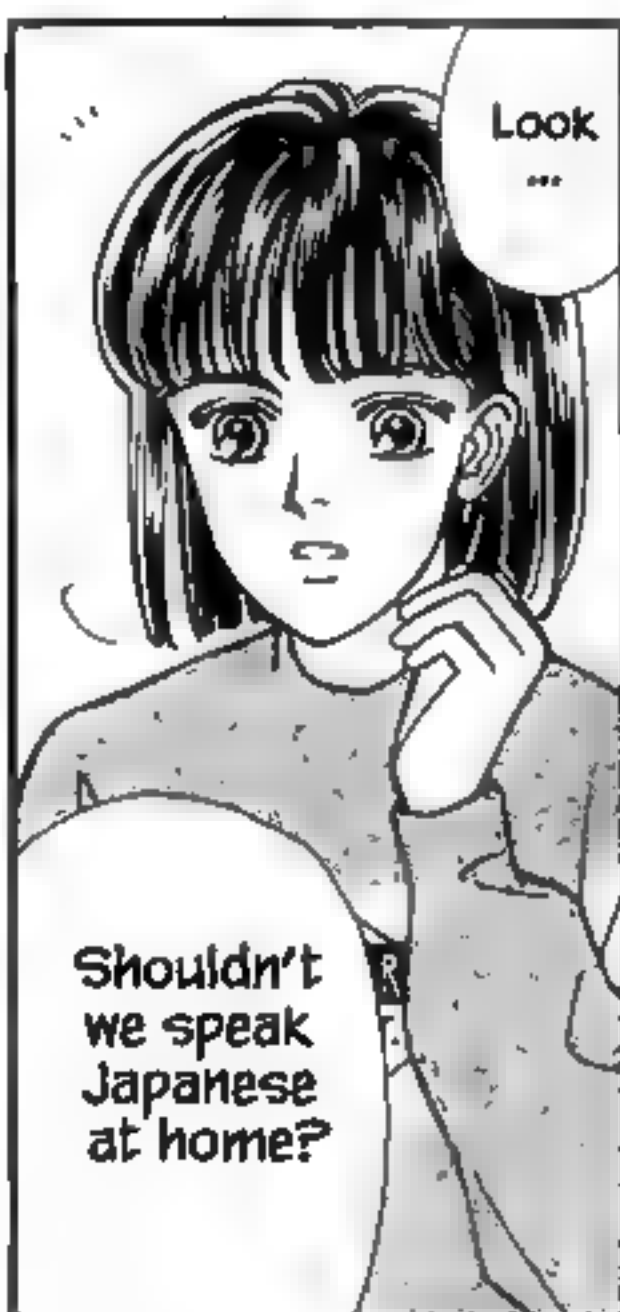
Yes.

He should  
start  
learning  
more of it.



Look ...

Shouldn't  
we speak  
Japanese  
at home?

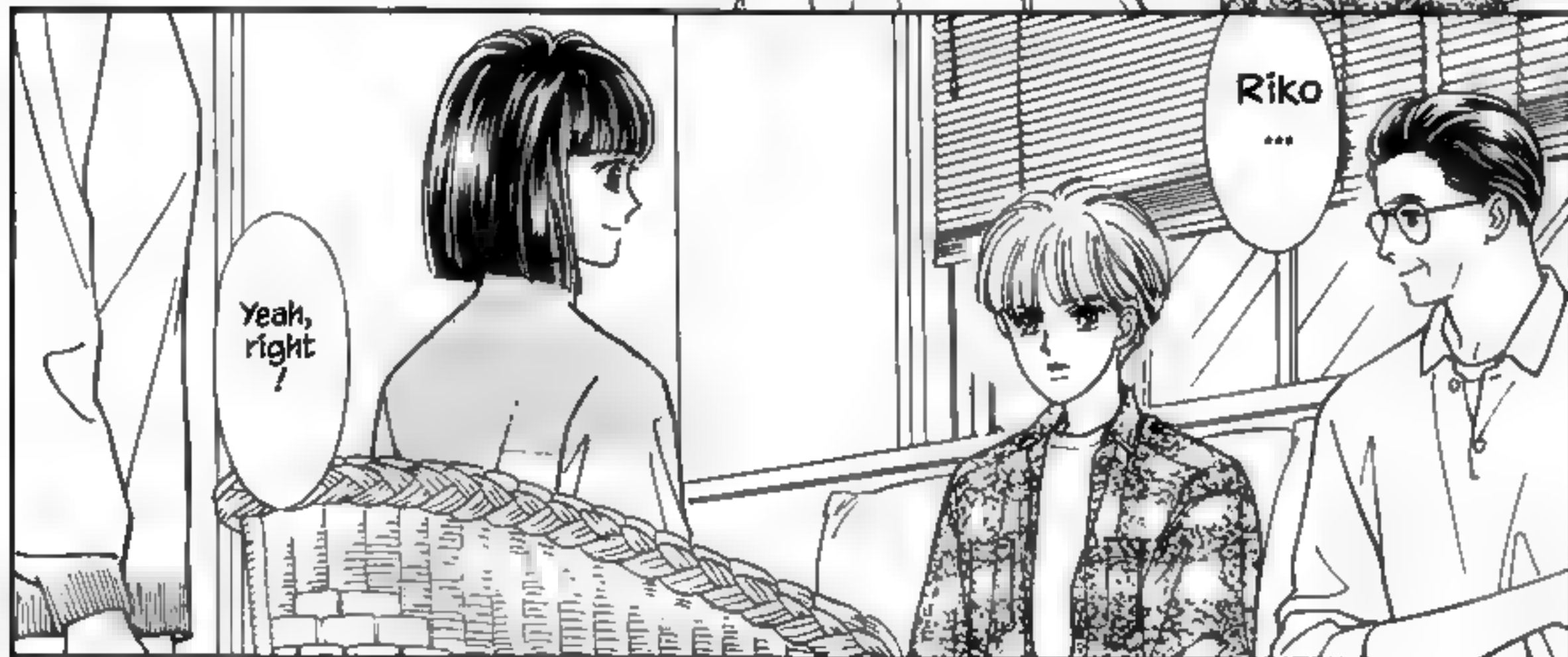


What  
is it,  
Riko?

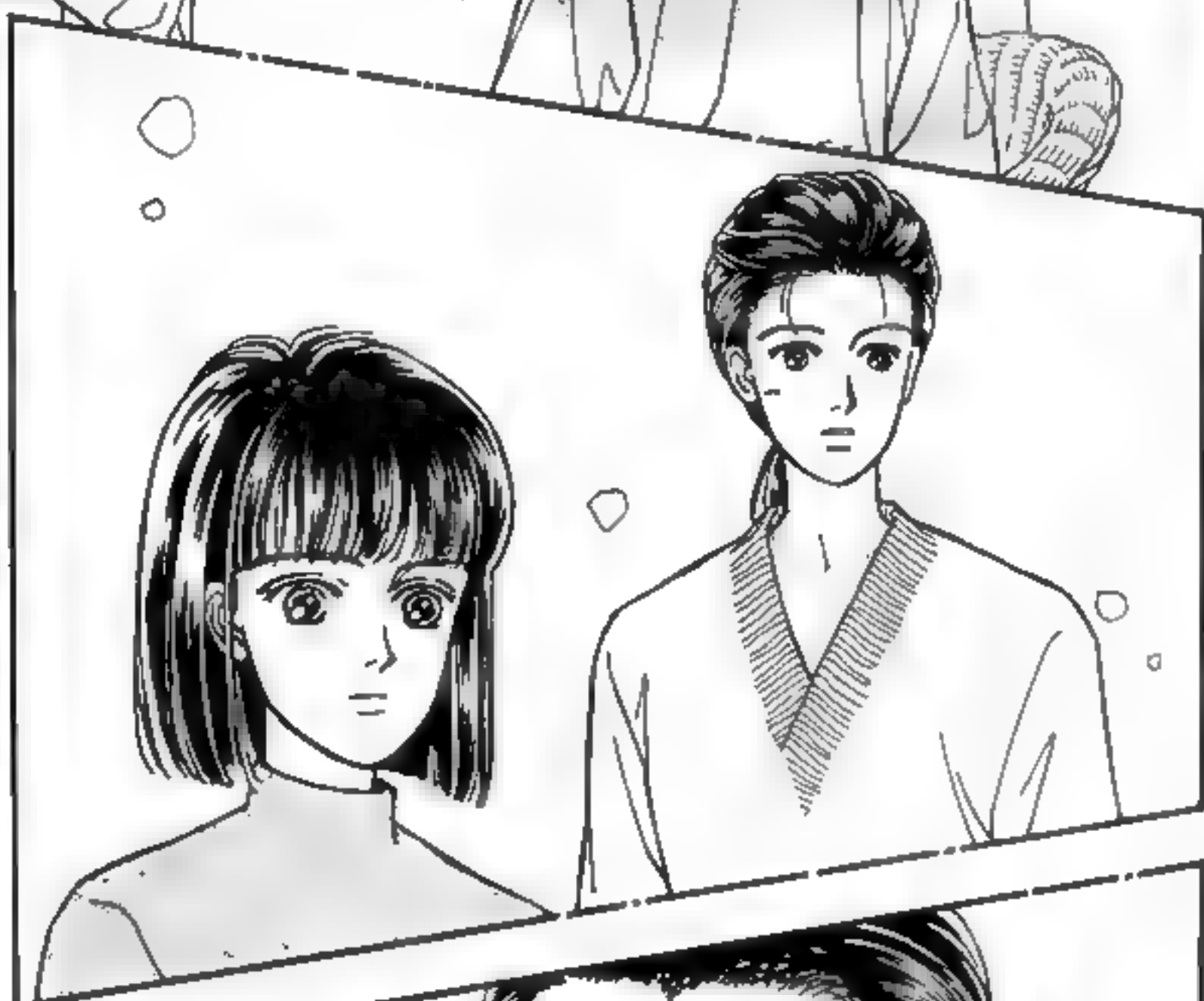
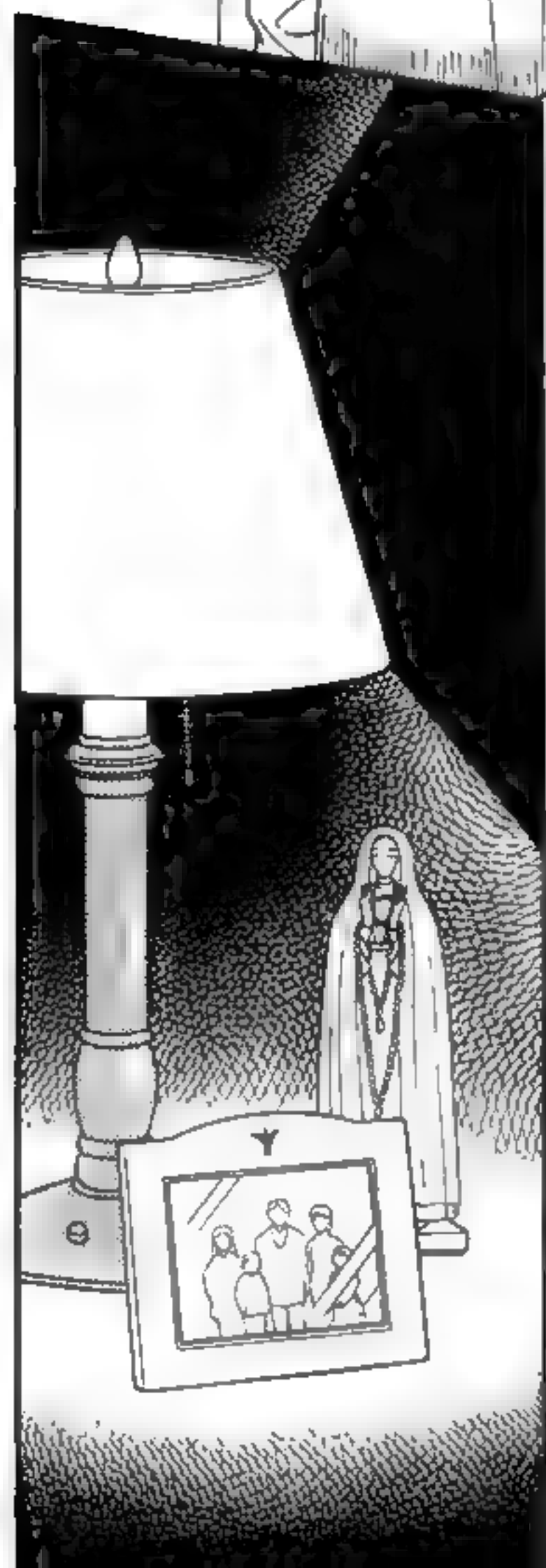




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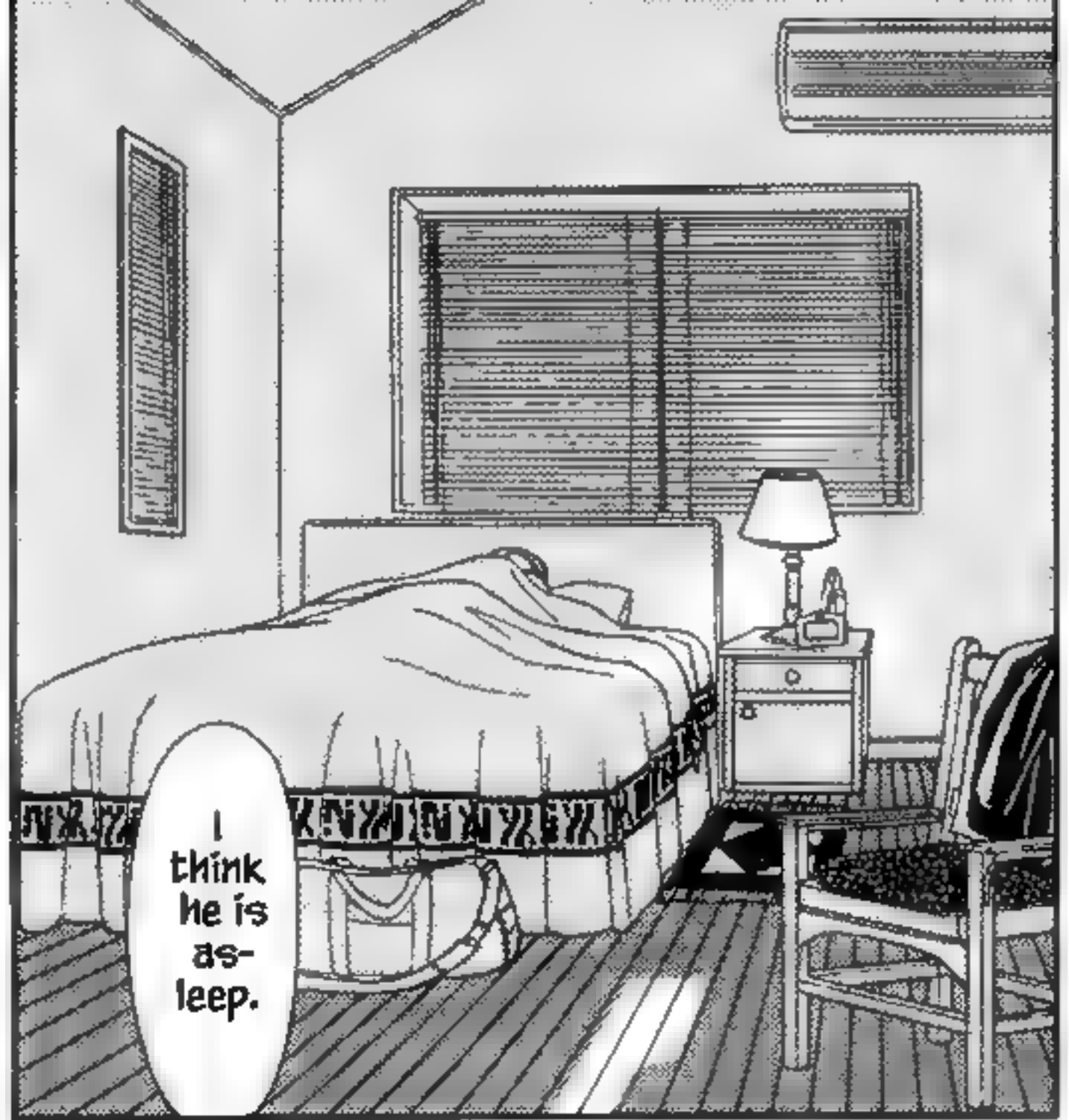




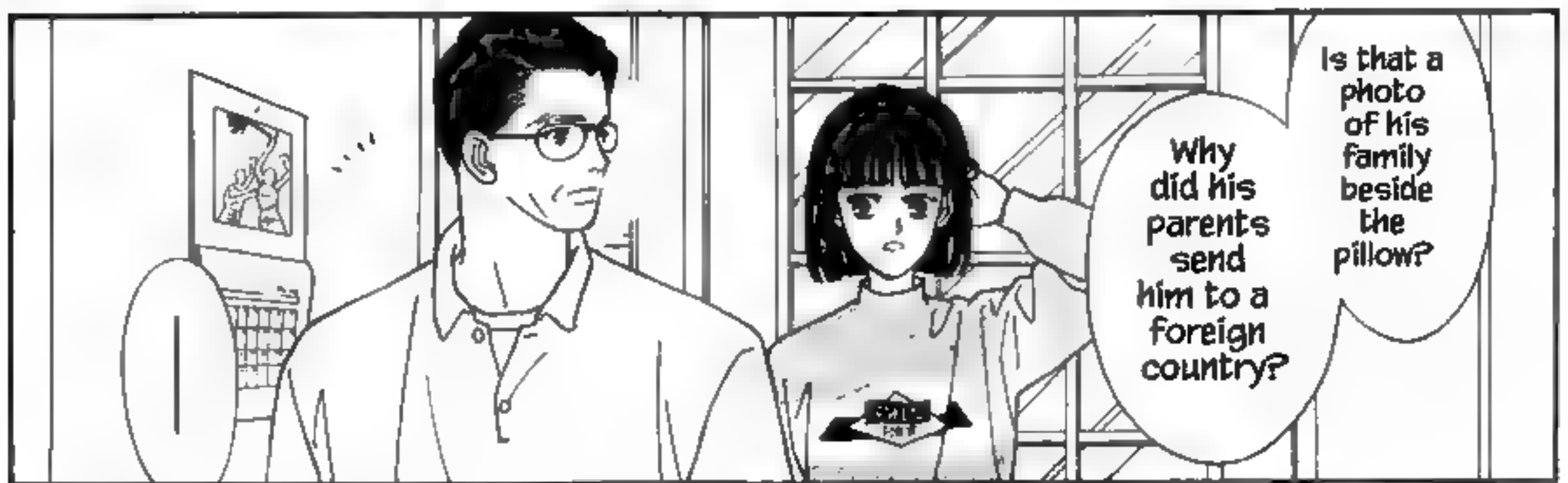
Leave him alone so he can sleep a lot tomorrow.

He must've been very tired,

Yes.



I think he is asleep.



Why did his parents send him to a foreign country?

Is that a photo of his family beside the pillow?



He seems like a nice child.

Yes,

Haha



Step

Boys can be nice too~

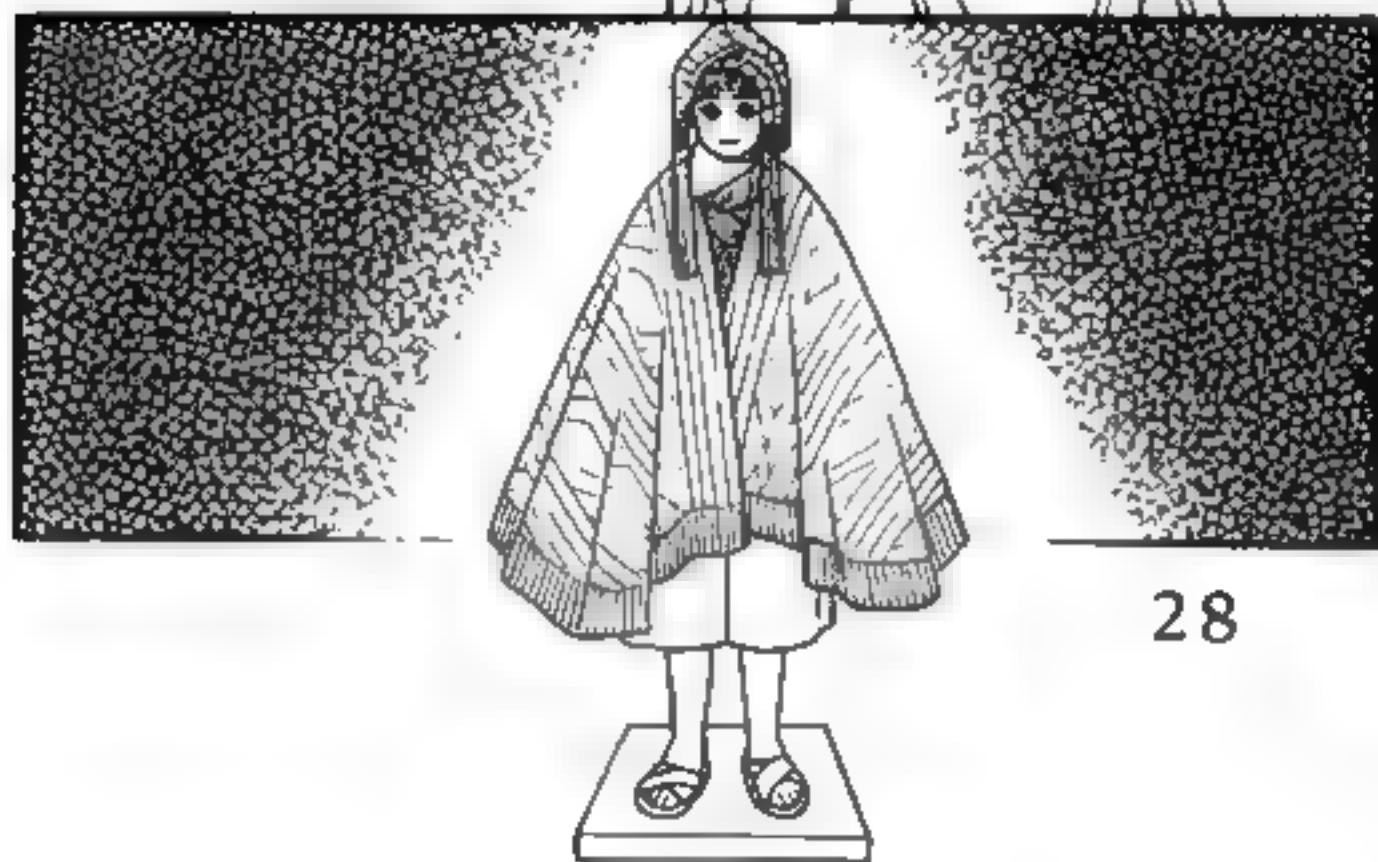


And they wanted him to study as much as possible.

It is hard to send him to school there.

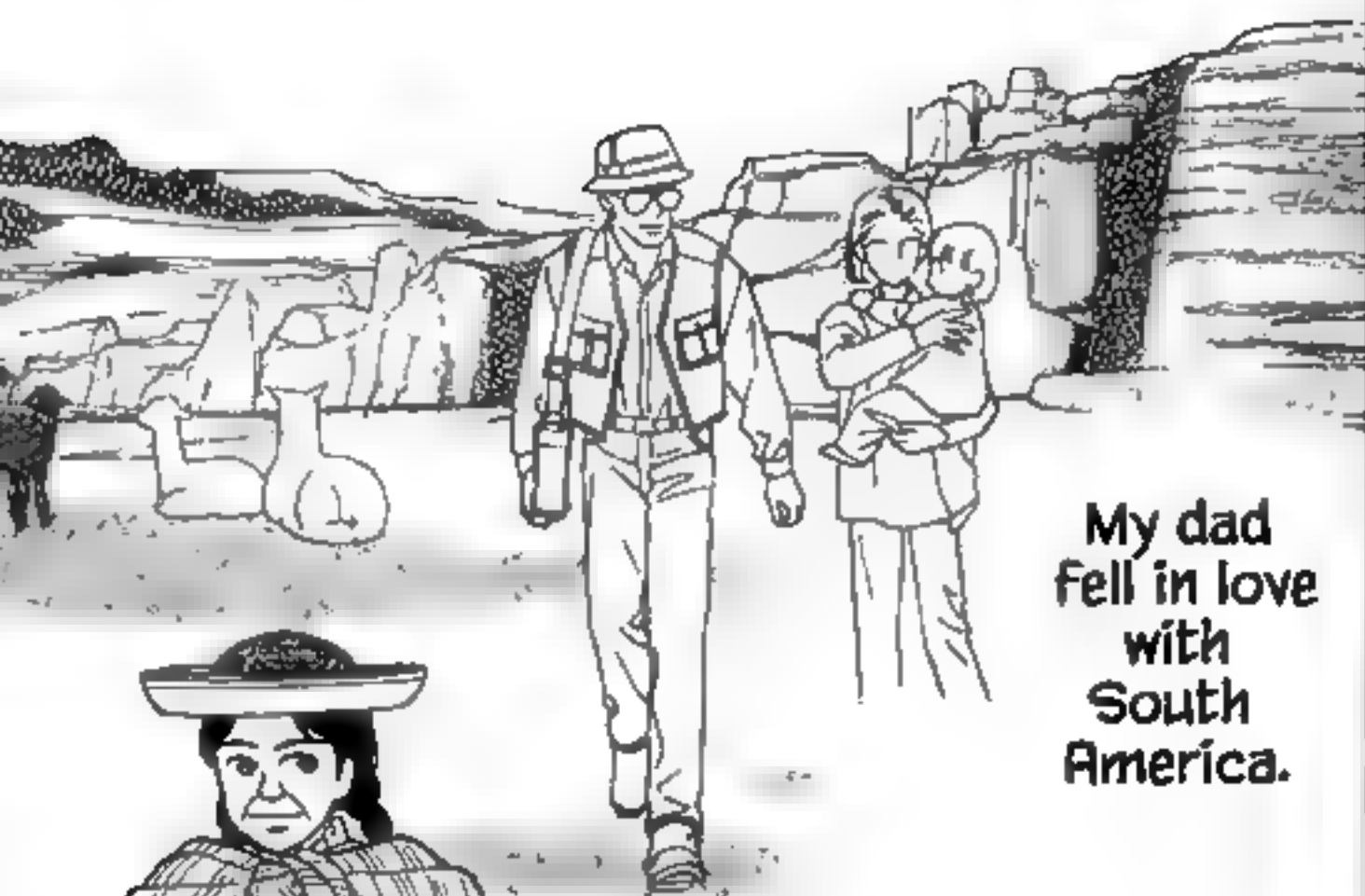
Why did his parents let you adopt him when they are alive?





Sfx: Flinch





My dad  
fell in love  
with  
South  
America.



And so I moved to Peru  
when I was four years old.



We only  
lived in a  
small village,

My dad's  
major was  
cultural  
archaeology.



Sfx: Woosh



While  
Mom and I  
returned  
to Japan.

That was 3  
years ago...

Then Dad started  
working in Lima  
University,







Aah,

It's the  
sound of  
morning  
again.



Heh!  
That is  
ama-  
zing!

He  
seemed  
nice.

He can  
speak  
our lan-  
guage  
a little  
...

The first  
meeting  
with  
your new  
brother?

So  
what  
hap-  
pened  
?

文化祭

10月9日



# 前哨戰



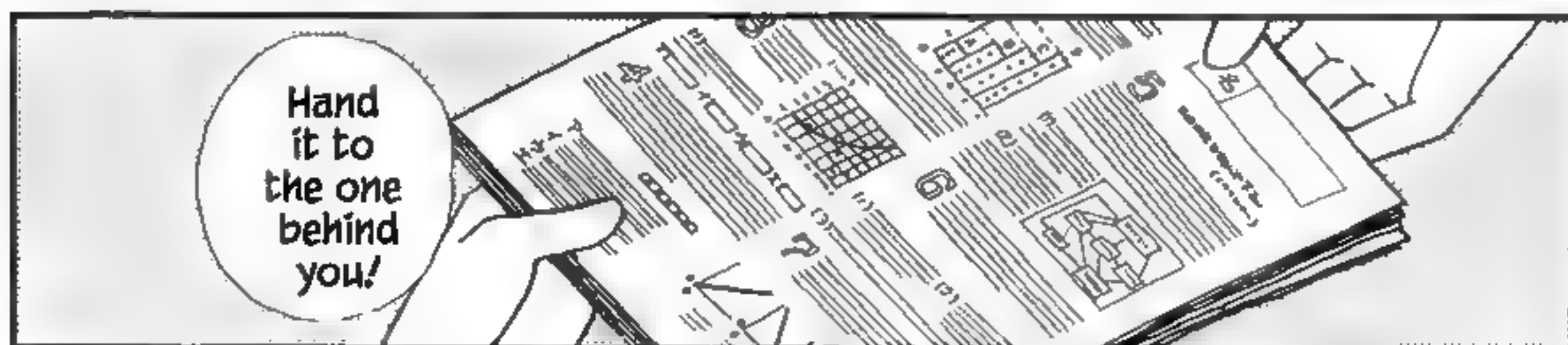
He must be thinking of many things.

It's not like he's coming here for a week of sight-seeing.



But he doesn't smile much.

Maybe he is lonely?



Hand it to the one behind you!

Sfx:  
Noisy



Teacher Tanaka specializes in this, really.

Yeah.

Can you solve problem number 2, Riko?



You can discuss the problem with other people.

Solve it in time,



Don't write things on top of my head!



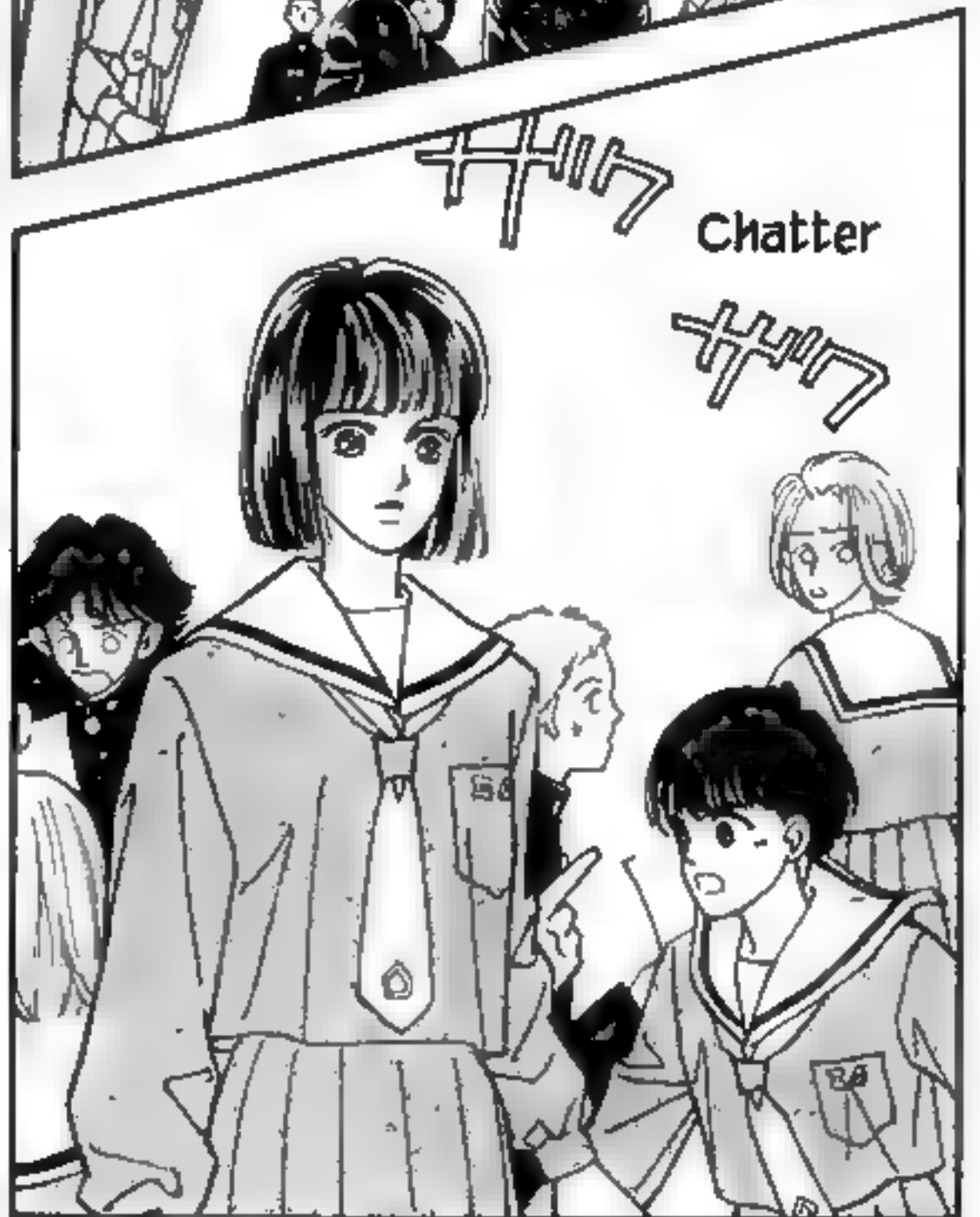




Slide



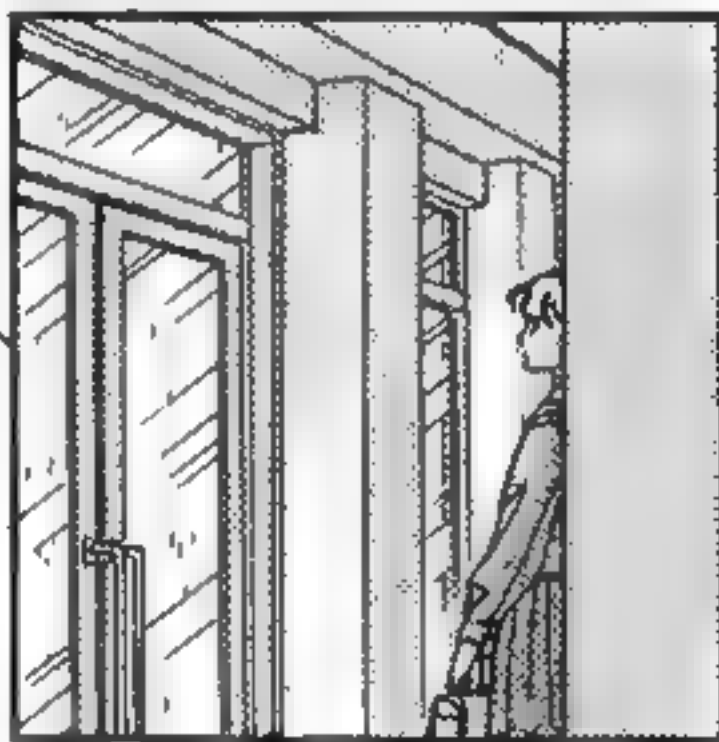
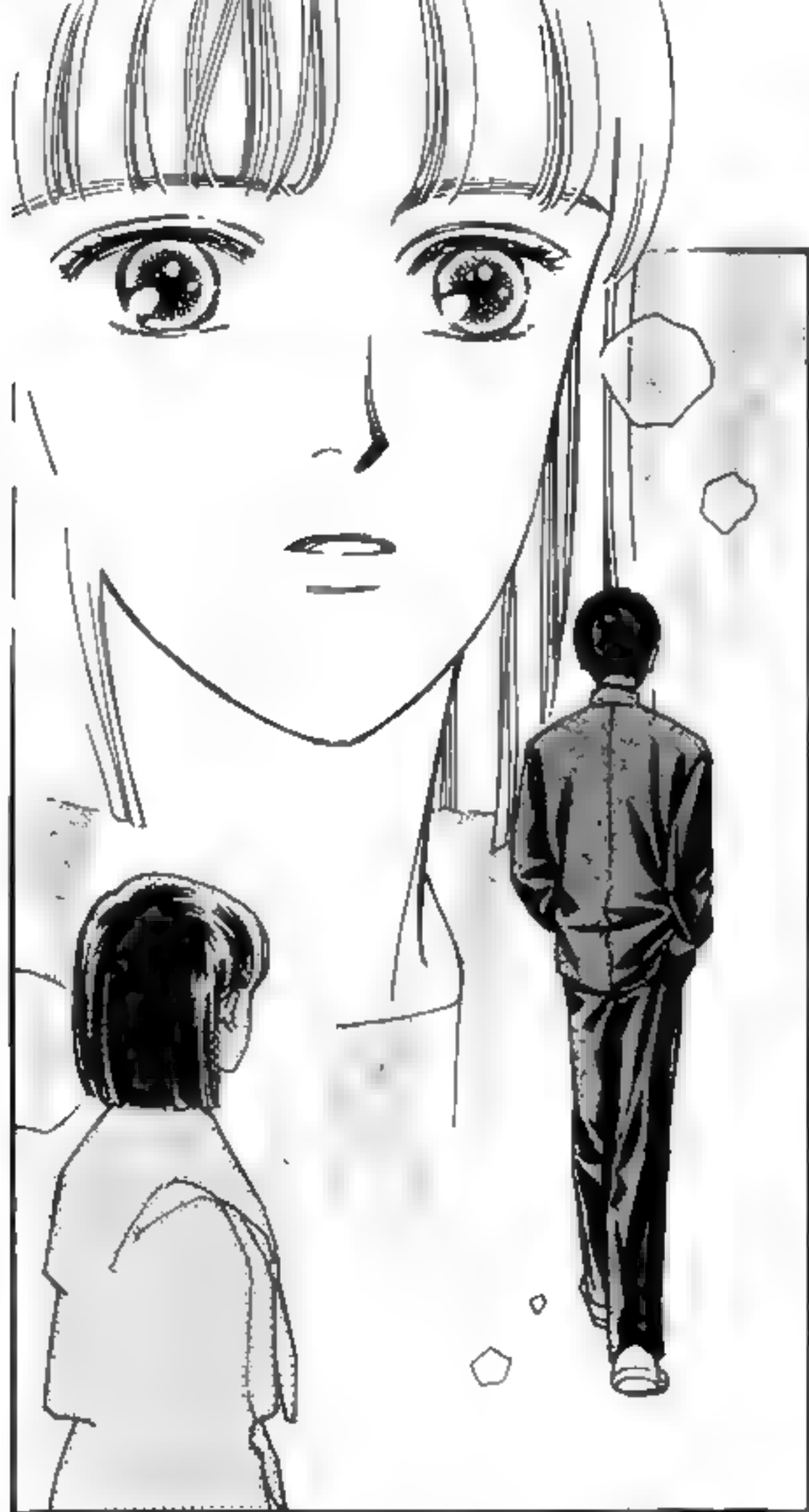




















Ah,  
Kita-  
hara  
too!

What  
is  
she  
doing  
...?

?

What  
are  
you  
doing  
now?!

Hey,  
you!

Chi-  
ka!

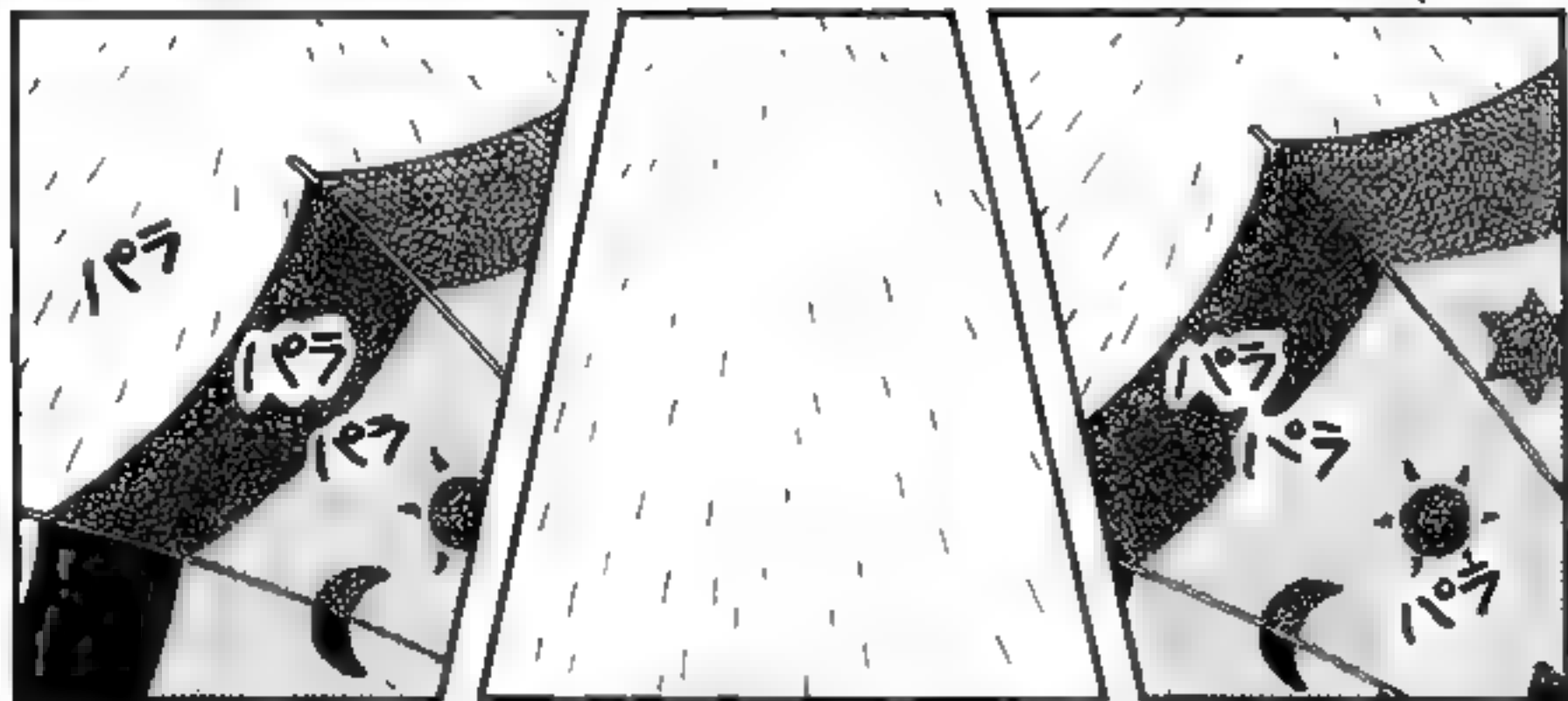
The  
sound  
of the  
rain?

When I put  
up the  
umbrella,  
I can hear the  
sound  
of the rain.

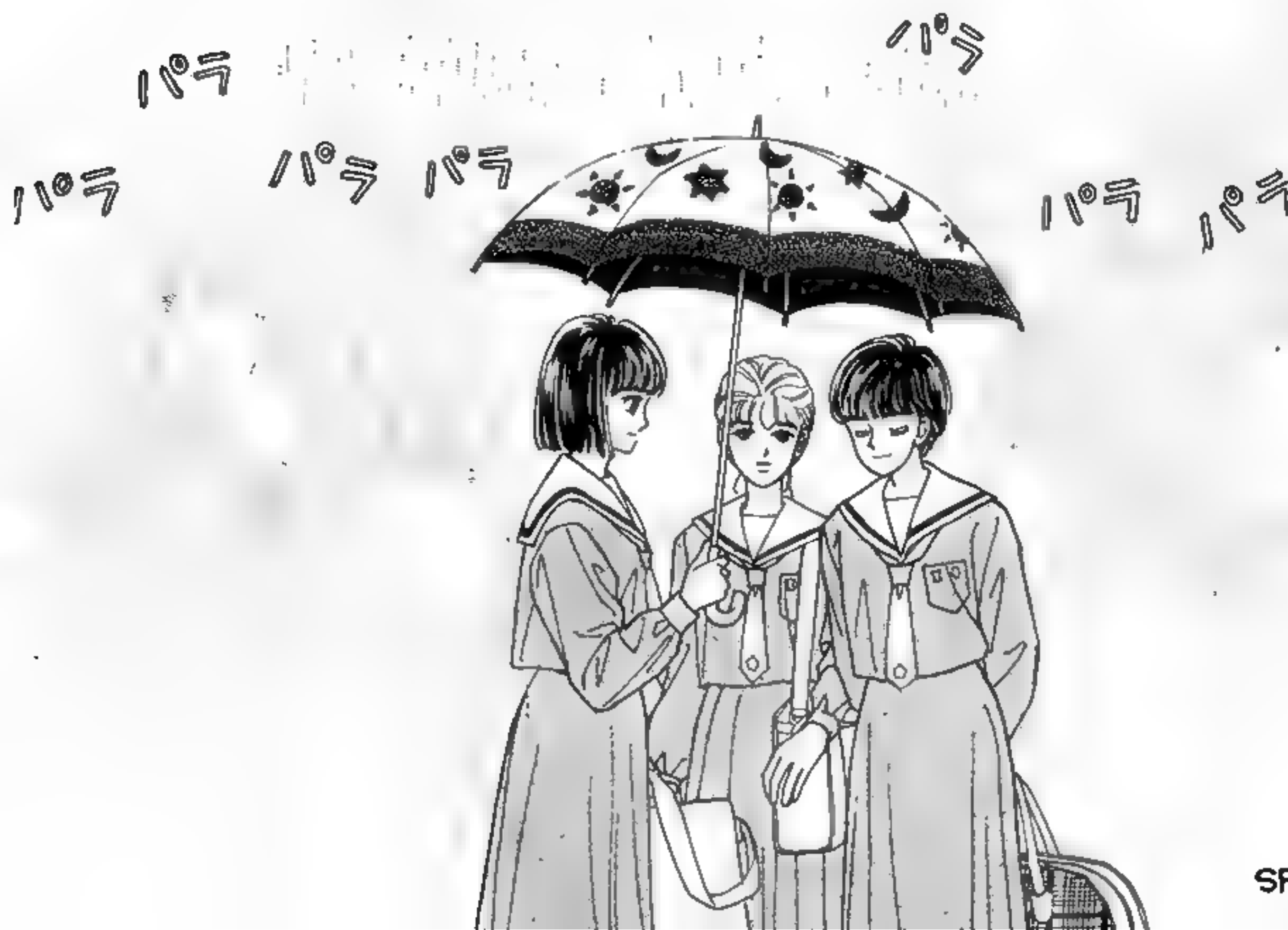
Yeah,



前哨戦 Sfx: Drop

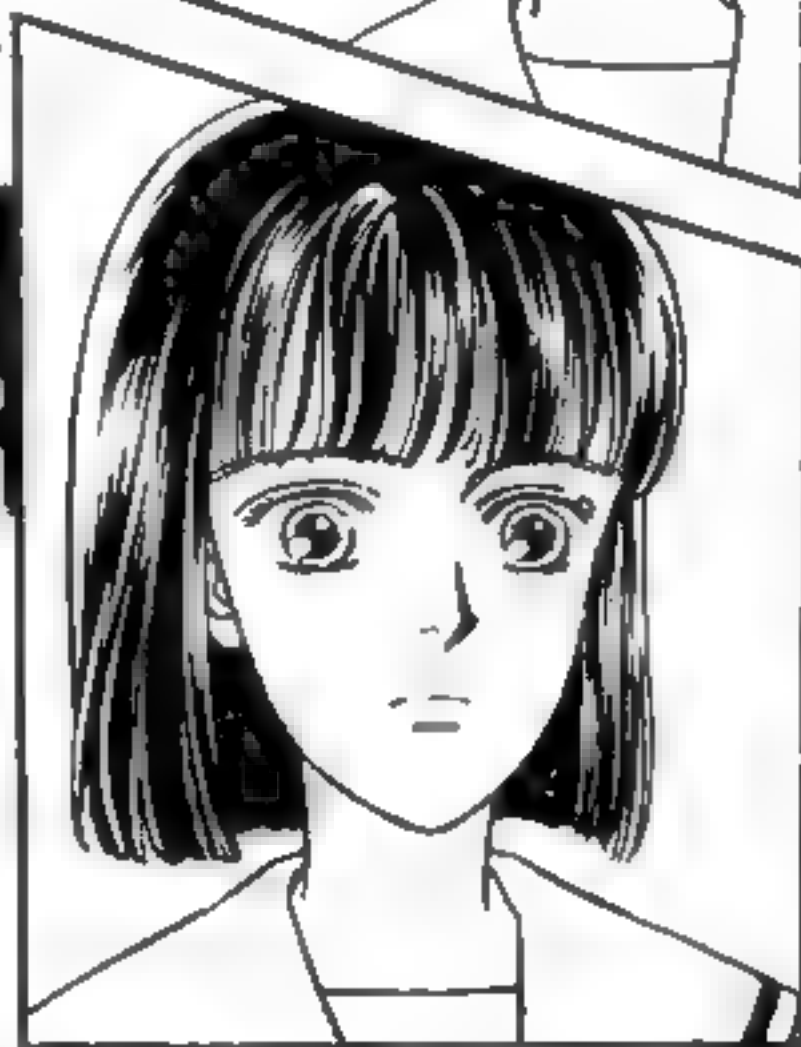


Sfx: Drop



Sfx: Drop









I joined the basketball club and made more friends there.

I became familiar with this place.

I am home!

Ah,



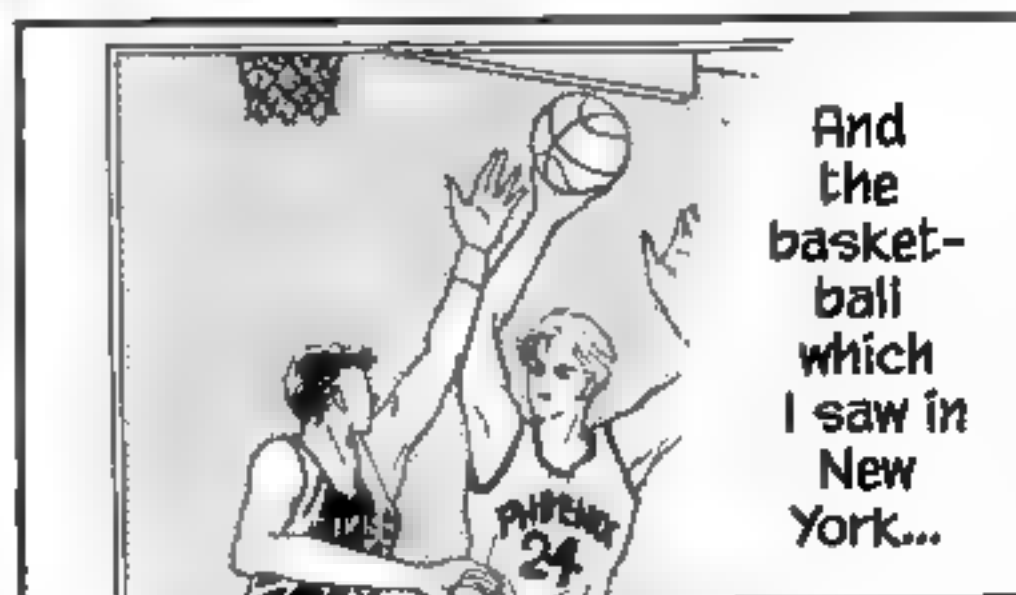
My brother will soon start studying in New York City.



Wow~ How~?!

I went to New York this year.

I became friendly with Chika without realising it.

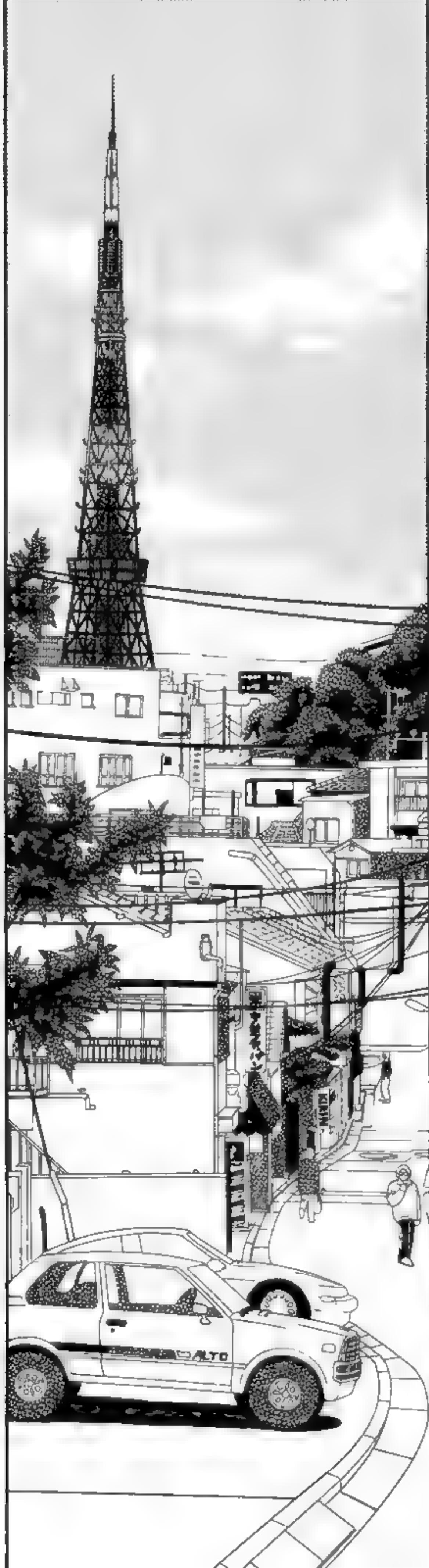


And the basketball which I saw in New York...



Welcome.









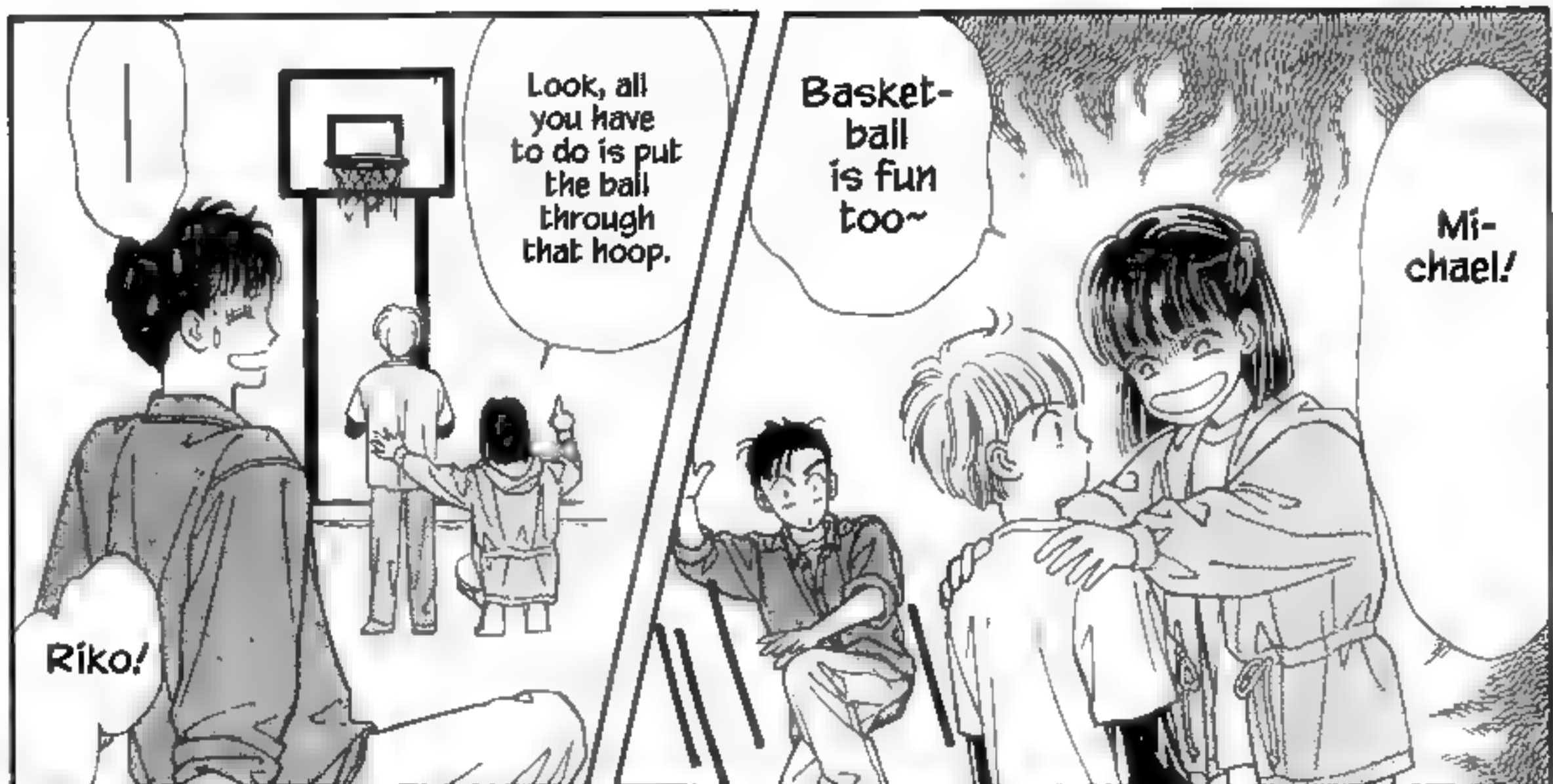


Sfx: Beep





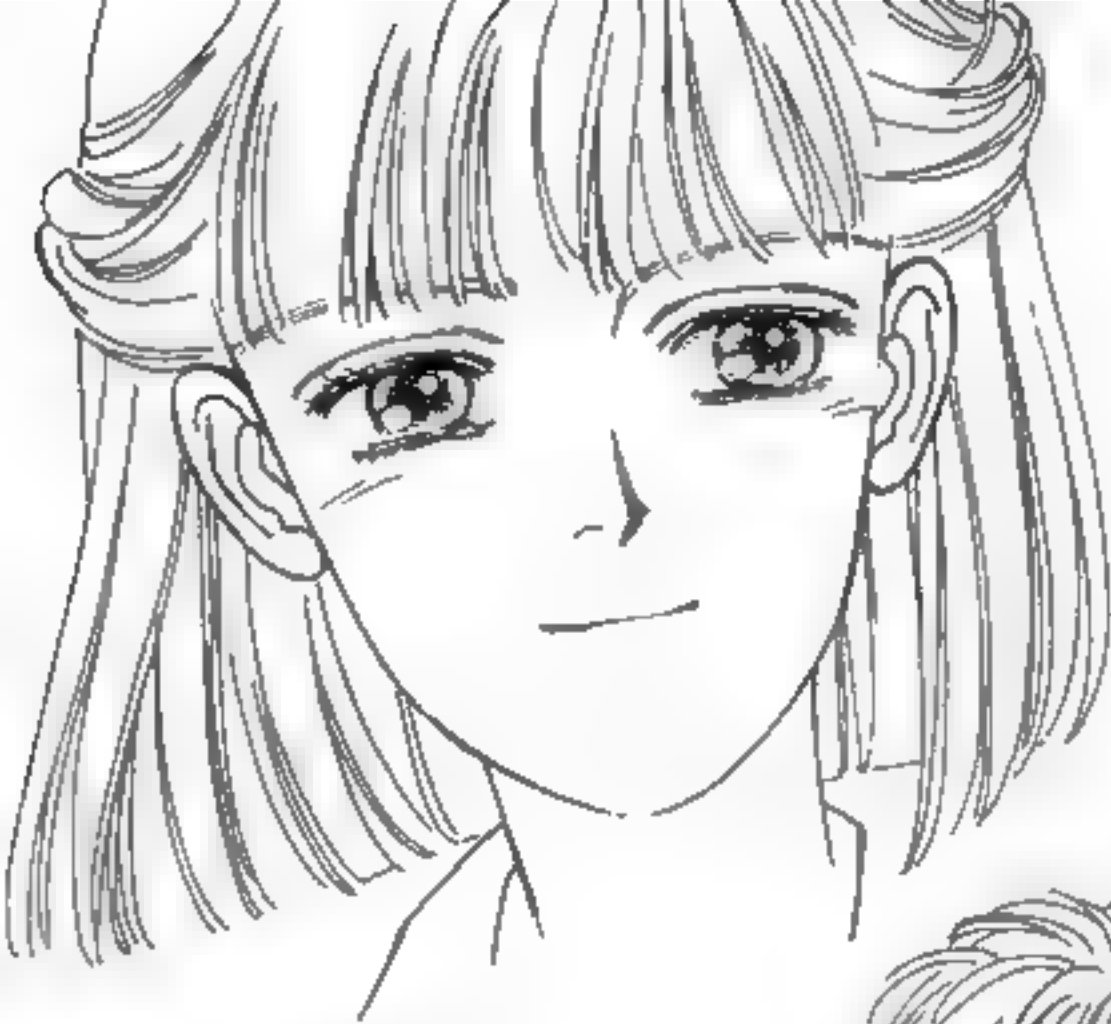






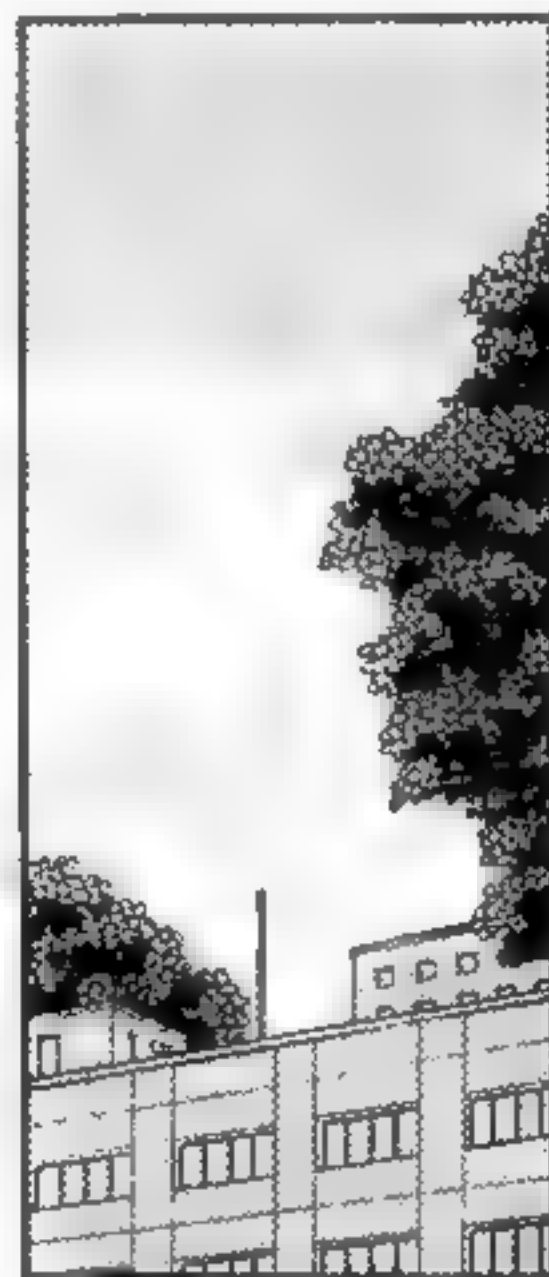






Thank  
god...

It was a  
good idea  
to bring  
him  
outside.







# 前哨戰







Somebody...



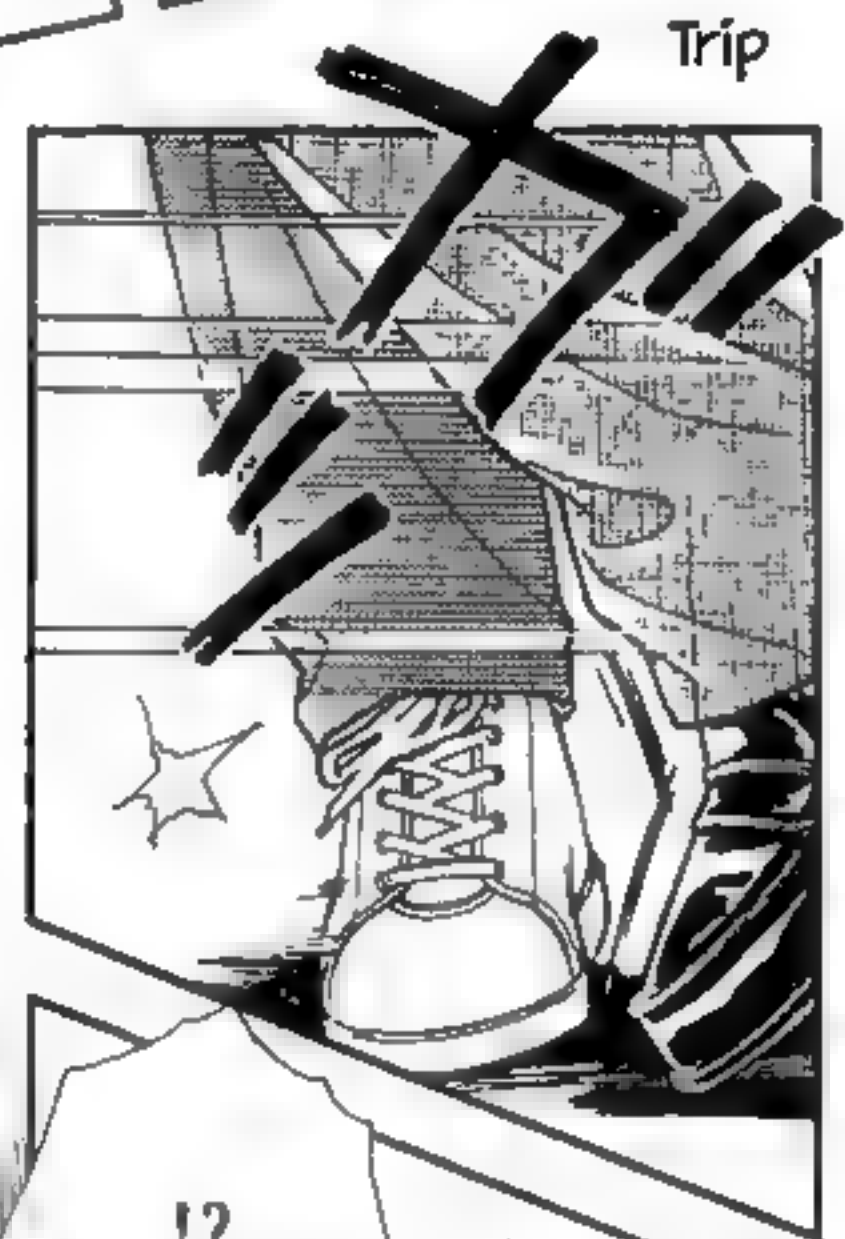
Go away...



What should I do?

Who cares-

I have to go home.



Trip



!?



Sfx:  
Hit

Grab







Sfx: Drop



That  
kid...

Michael!

What-!?







I was  
so  
worried,  
Michael.

Thank  
god!

At a  
nearby  
church  
...

Where  
were  
you  
?

You got  
lost... you  
should keep  
our home  
address  
written down  
whenever you  
go out.

I am  
home  
!

Every-  
body  
was  
looking  
for  
you!





But...  
he  
didn't  
run away  
because  
of that  
!

It's true  
that  
we fought  
with a  
drunken  
man,



In a  
scary  
way...

He  
was  
used  
to  
fight-  
ing...

He  
didn't  
tremble  
at all!



Dad,



Sfx:  
Creak



What  
kind of  
a kid  
is he?!



Mi-  
chael,



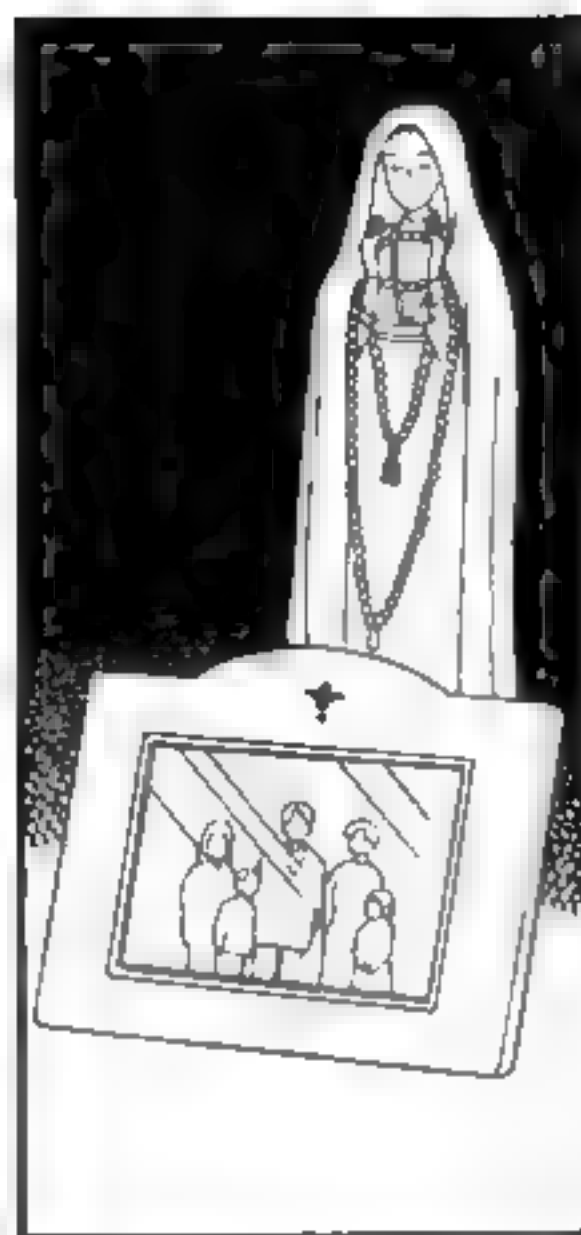




Sfx: Knock

Can I  
come  
in for  
a mo-  
ment?

Dad,



Is  
it...

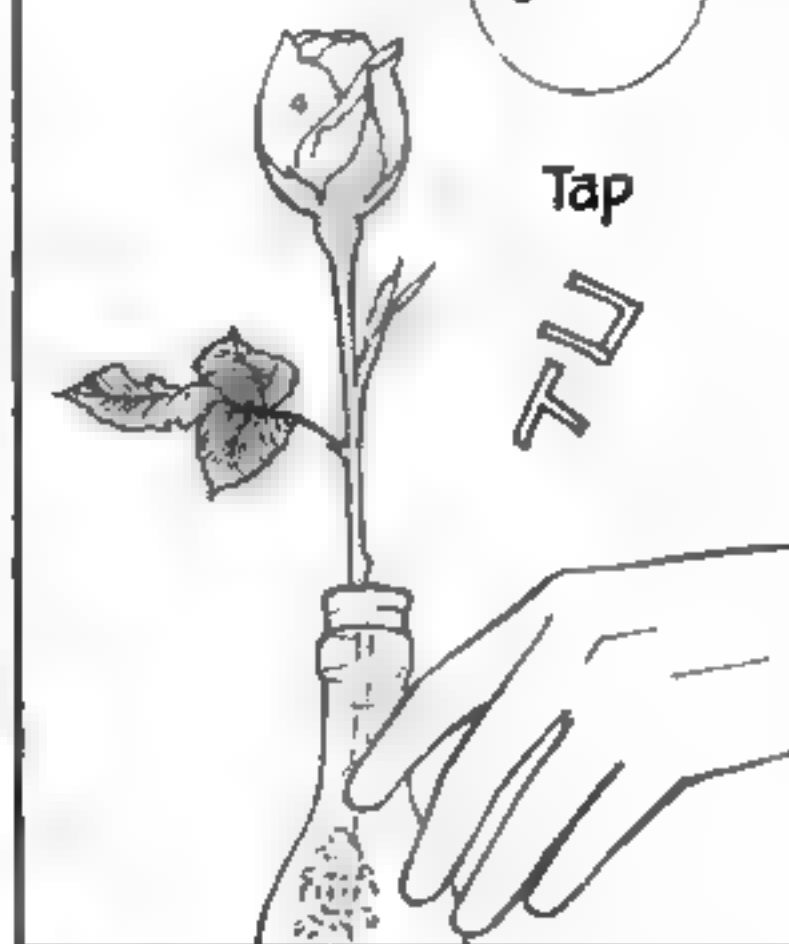
It is  
energetic.  
Ah, I think  
it's got a  
strong  
scent too.

Ah, I  
thought  
that  
it was  
still bloo-  
ming.

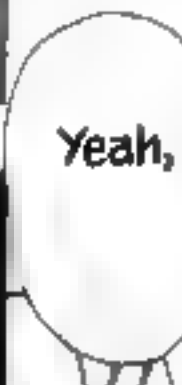
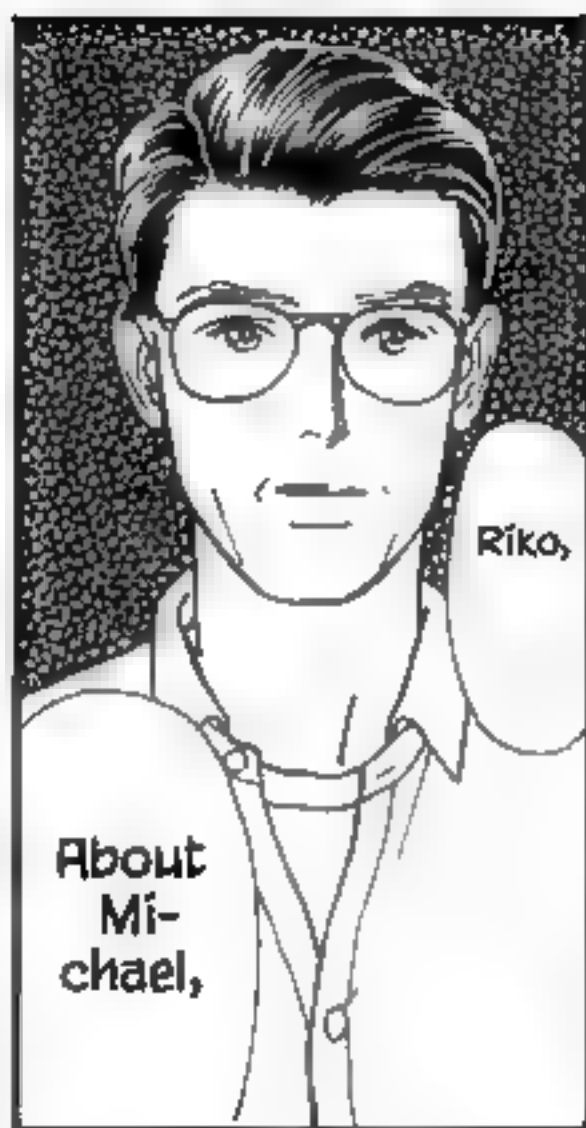
There  
was a  
flower  
blooming  
in the  
garden.

Tap

TL



# 前哨戰







I saw a  
gunfight  
on the  
street.

When  
he had  
decided  
to come  
here...



He  
came  
to  
work  
with  
his  
mom.

Michael  
had a  
house.

No,

So I  
didn't  
realise  
it  
before,

But I  
will  
tell you  
every-  
thing  
now.



I could  
see  
Michael  
was there  
too,

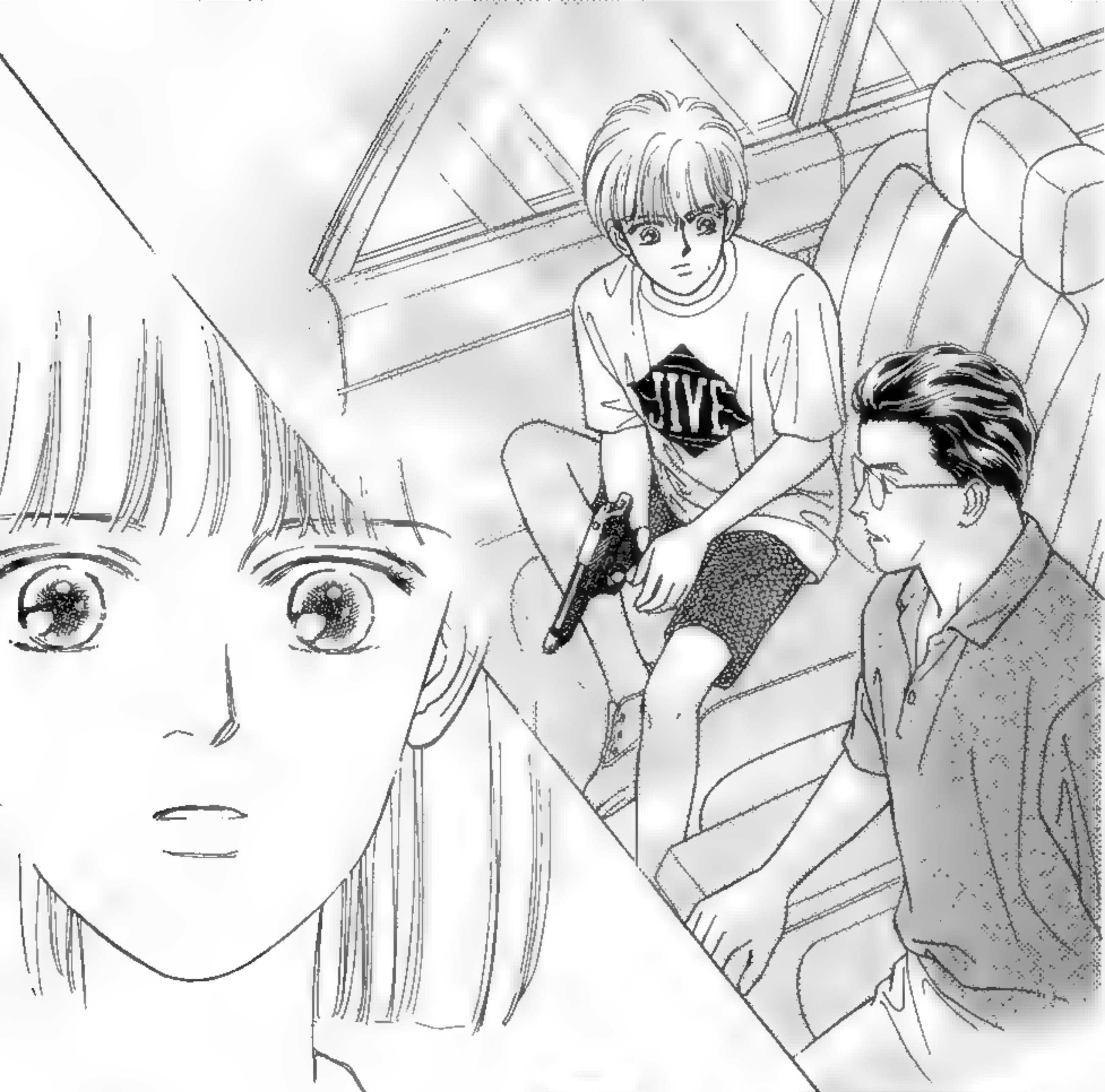
So I put  
him in the  
car because  
he could have  
gotten  
involved...



It was like a  
fight  
between  
all of the  
street  
gangs.

The children  
in that  
sort of group  
live by the  
skin of  
their necks...



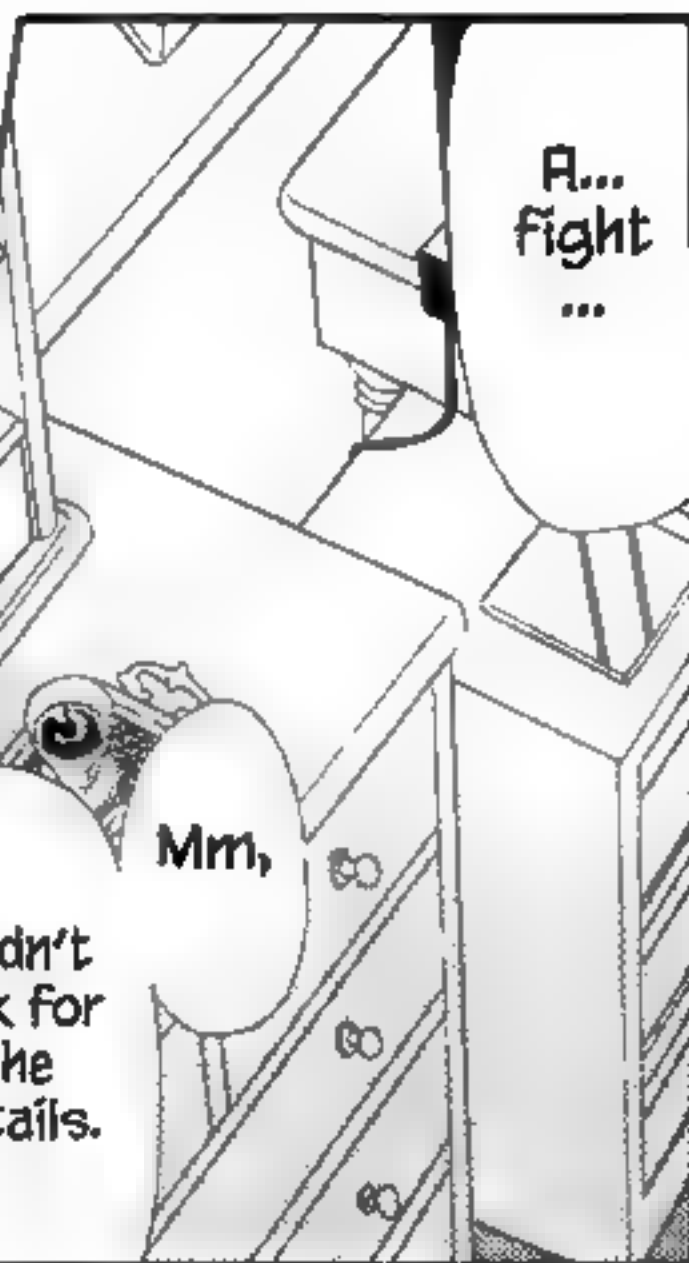






Now that I know about it, I can't ignore it.

So that is why I didn't ask before. That is best.



A... fight ...

Mm,

I didn't ask for the details.



I think he got involved because he wanted to help his family.



I was going to find out as much as possible.



I don't think his family knew.



I know that he is feeling pain for what he has done ...

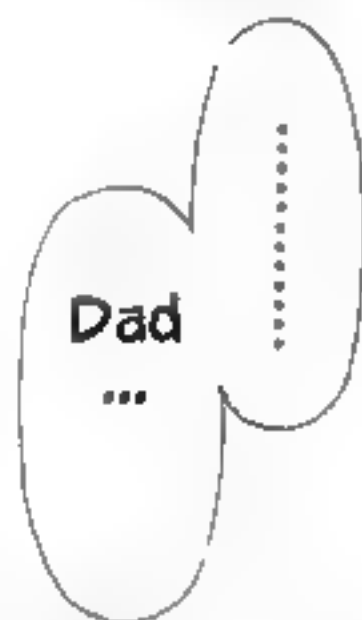
Yes,

I think he is different from before.

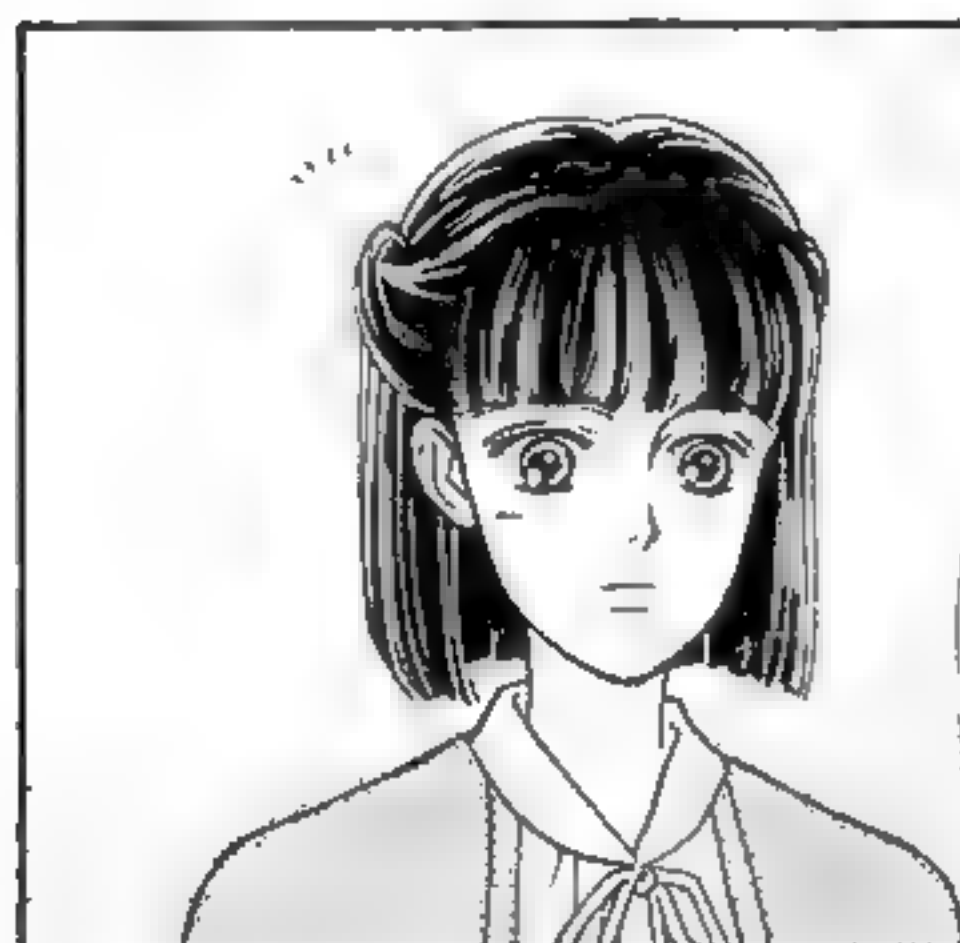


Do you trust Michael?

Dad ...



# 前哨戰







Have  
you been  
there all  
this  
time?!

Some-  
thing  
broke,

Sfx: Clack, Clang



Mi-  
chael!



Ah, it's  
an  
acorn.

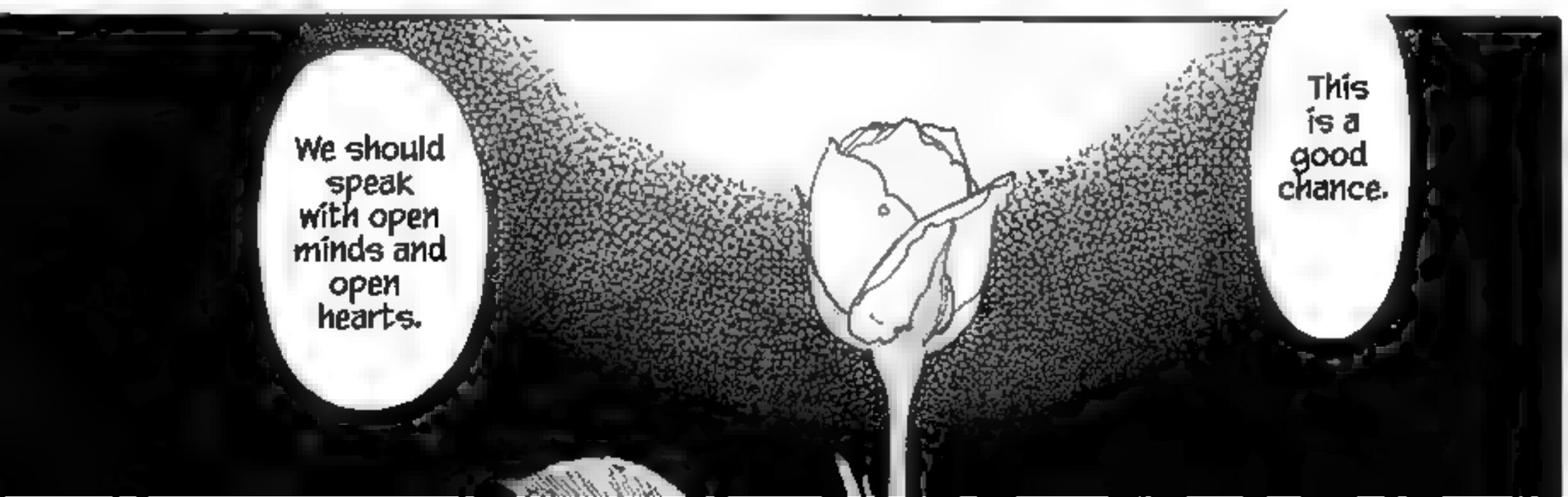
Come  
in  
now.

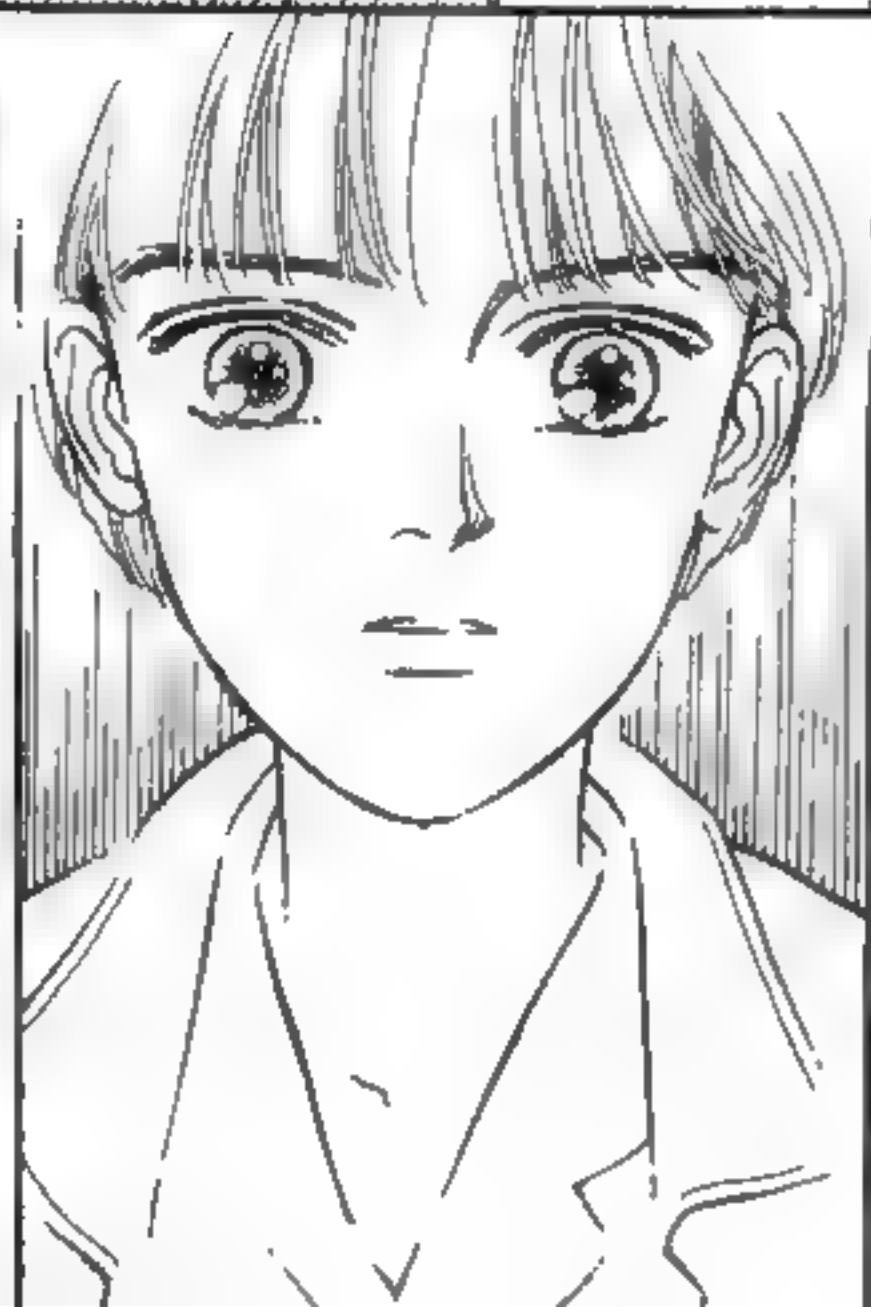
It's just a  
tree nut.  
Michael,  
it's okay.



We should  
speak  
with open  
minds and  
open  
hearts.

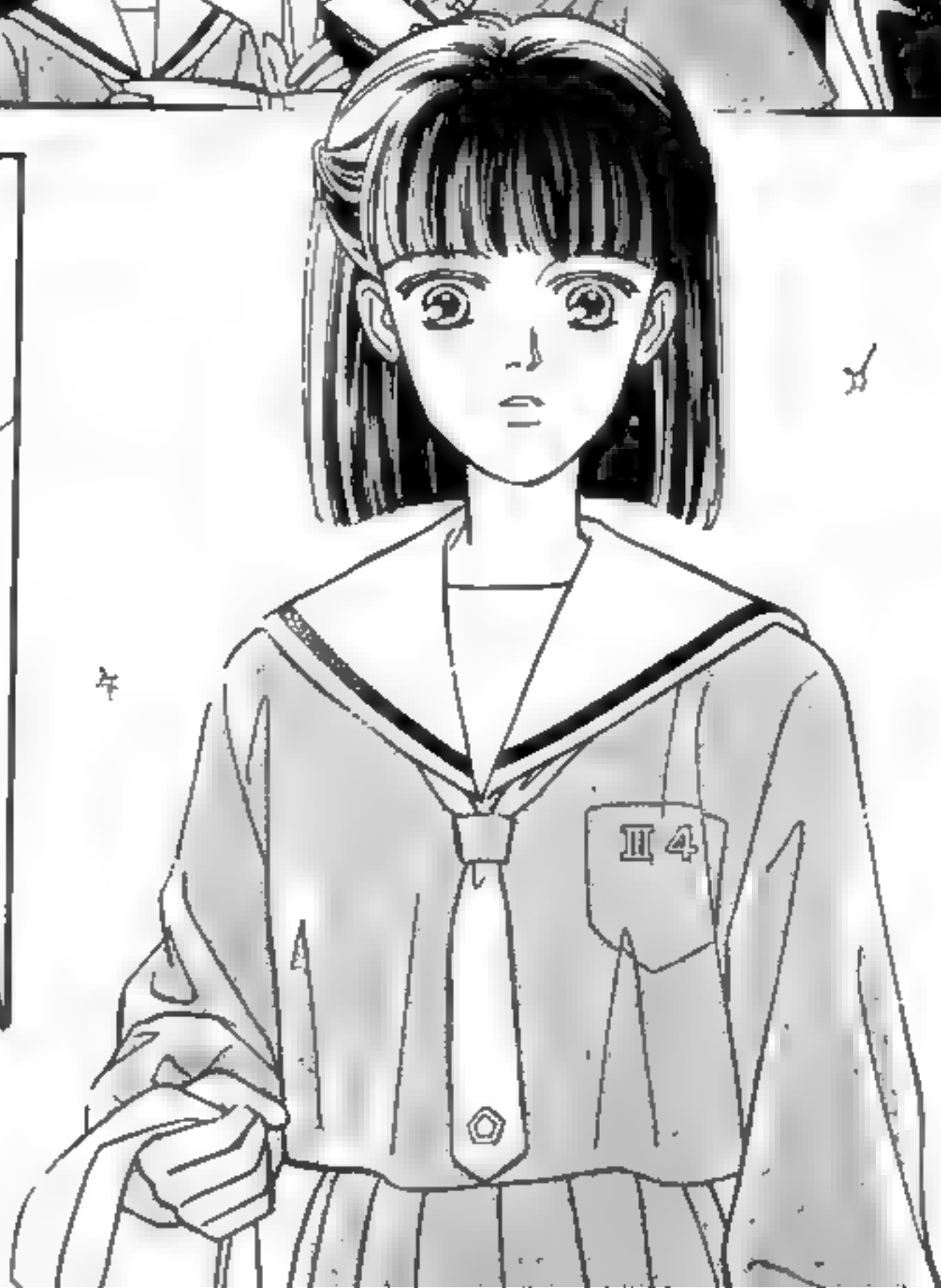
This  
is a  
good  
chance.















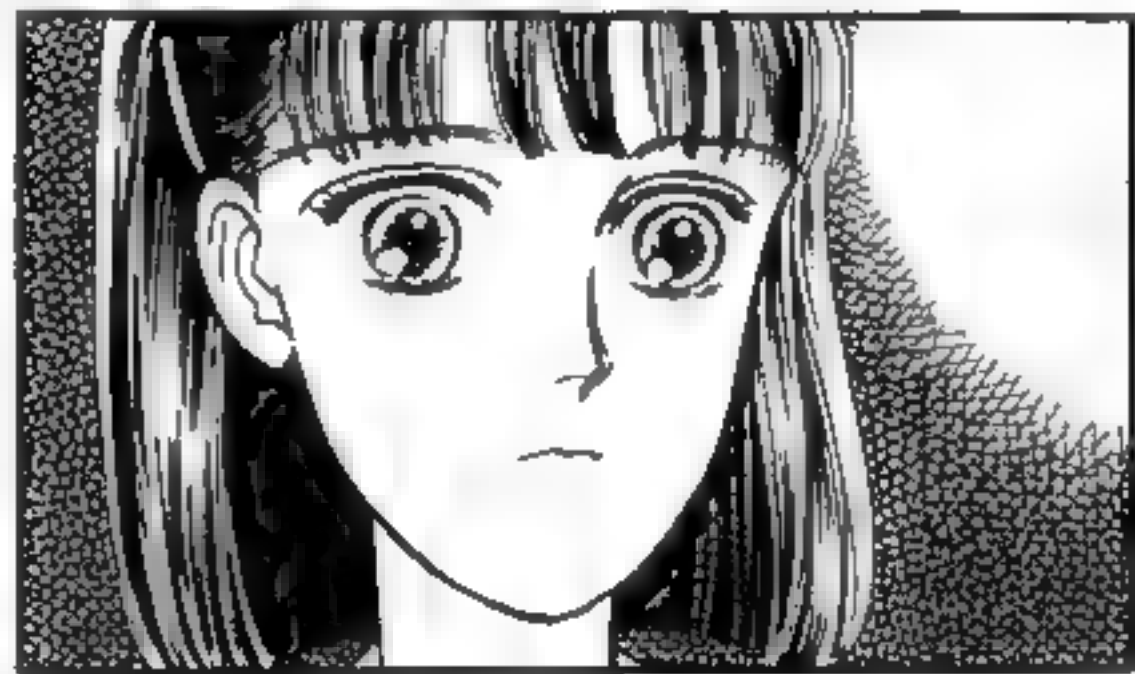
Ah...  
well...  
will he  
come?

Try  
talking  
to him.



Look,  
your  
brother  
...

Will you  
not bring  
him to the  
festival?  
I want  
to see  
him.



We are  
only  
doing  
what  
we  
decided,

It doesn't  
matter if  
you  
participate  
or not!



The  
theme is  
Throb.

That's  
it. It  
makes  
me  
cry.

...  
Haha.



I didn't  
partici-  
pate  
much,

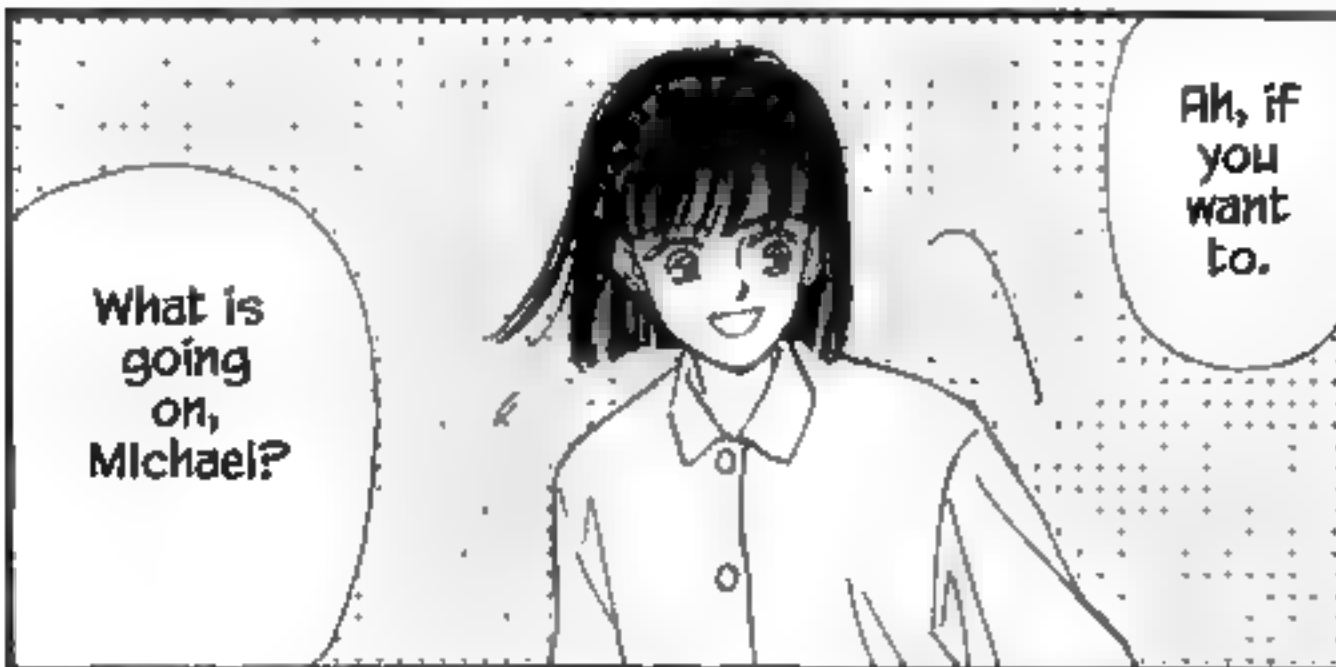
Because  
I am in  
a sports  
club...

The  
festival  
isn't  
that  
special.

Do you  
know?  
The art club  
decided on the  
picture  
theme!









Is your house nearby?

Wow!

Ah,



Ah?

It's Kita-hara?



Kita-hara, why are you alone in a place like this?

Yeah, it's right over here.

Riko,

Is your house nearby?



Huh?



I have been going to a school far away from home.

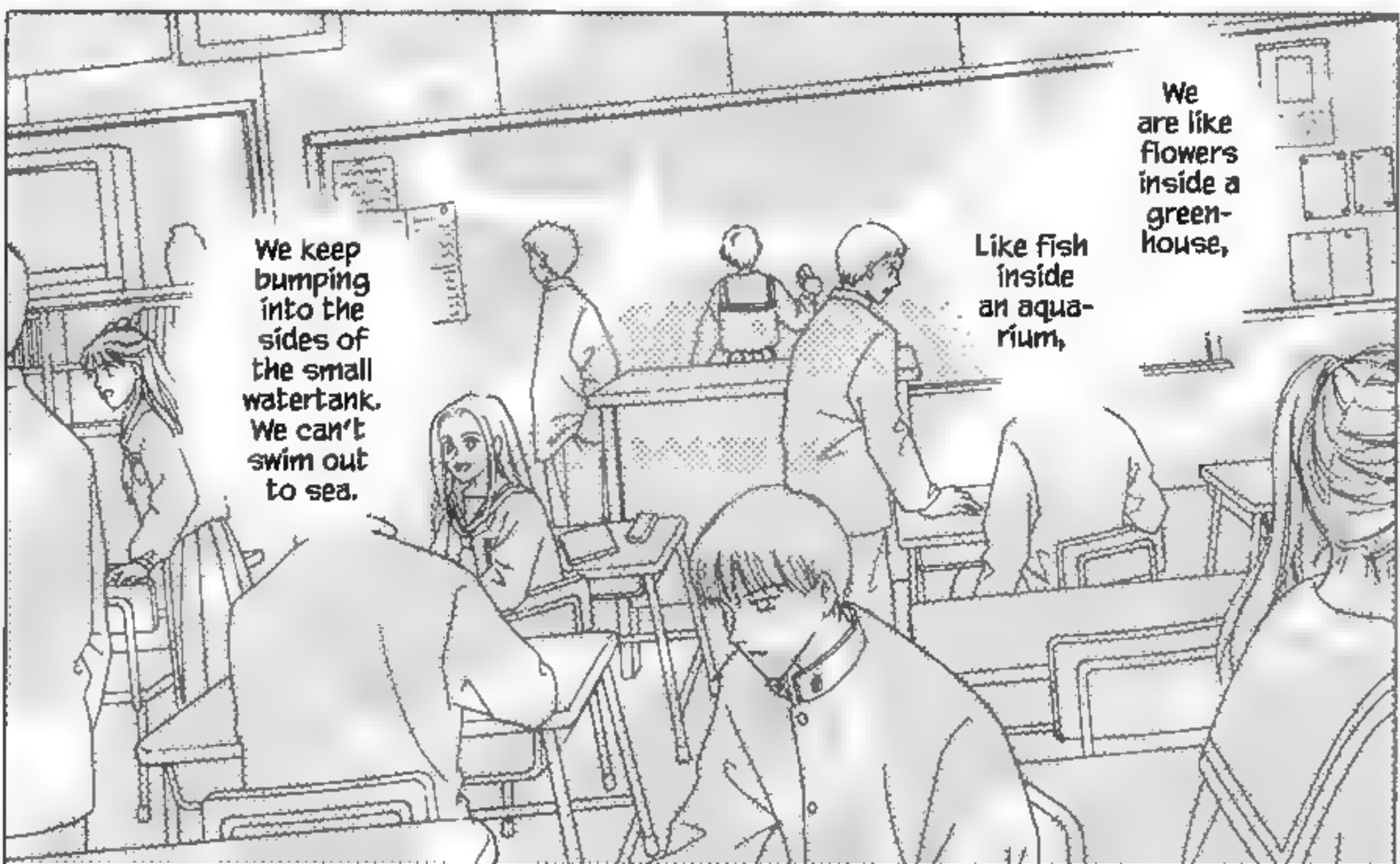
I don't live near here.



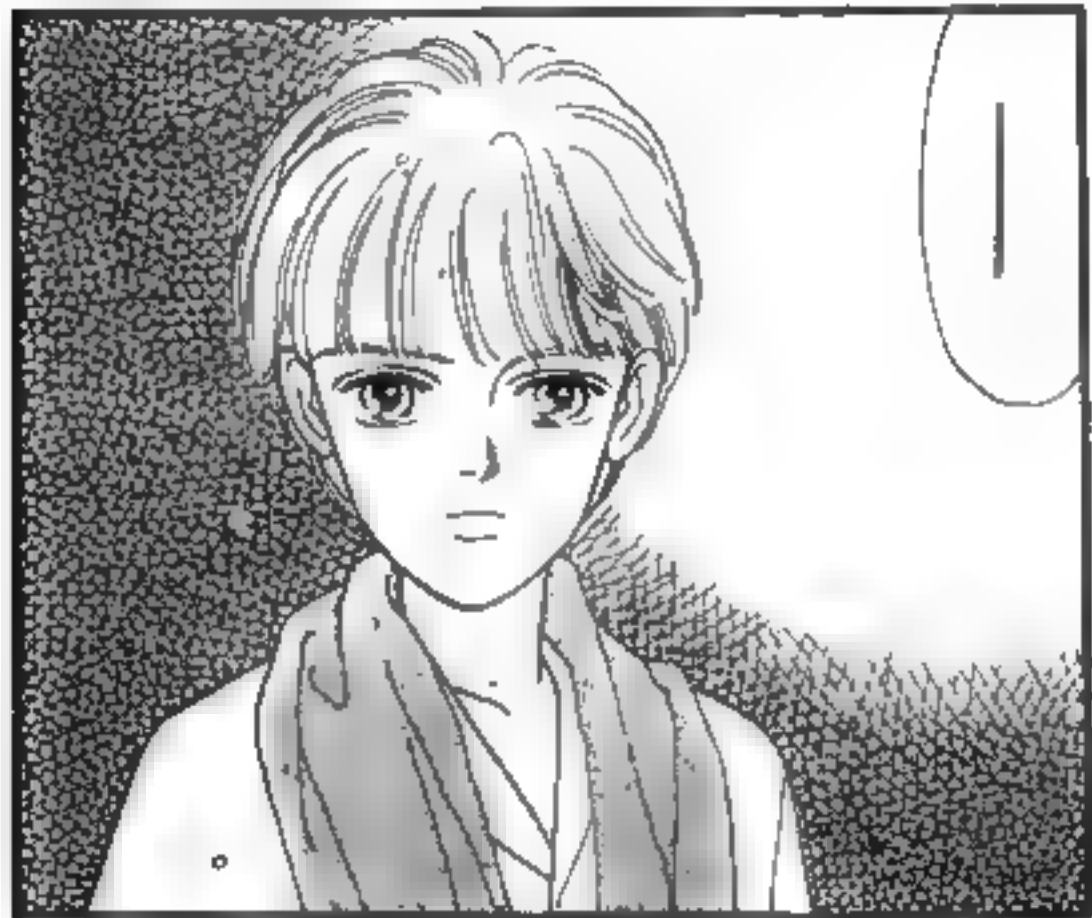








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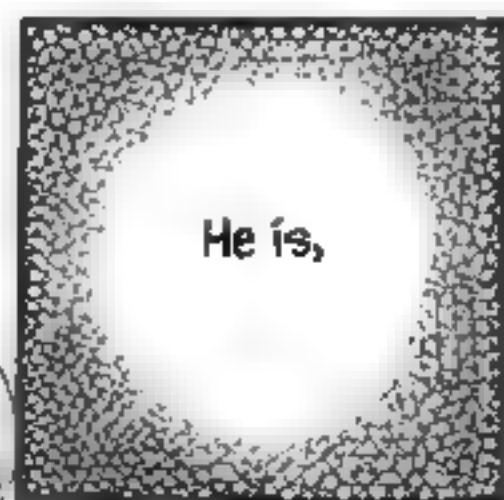




For someone  
like him, who  
had a hard life  
on the streets,

This must  
not seem like  
a big problem  
to him.

But for  
us...



too  
cold?

Why  
is he  
talking  
like that  
...!?

For us...!

Click





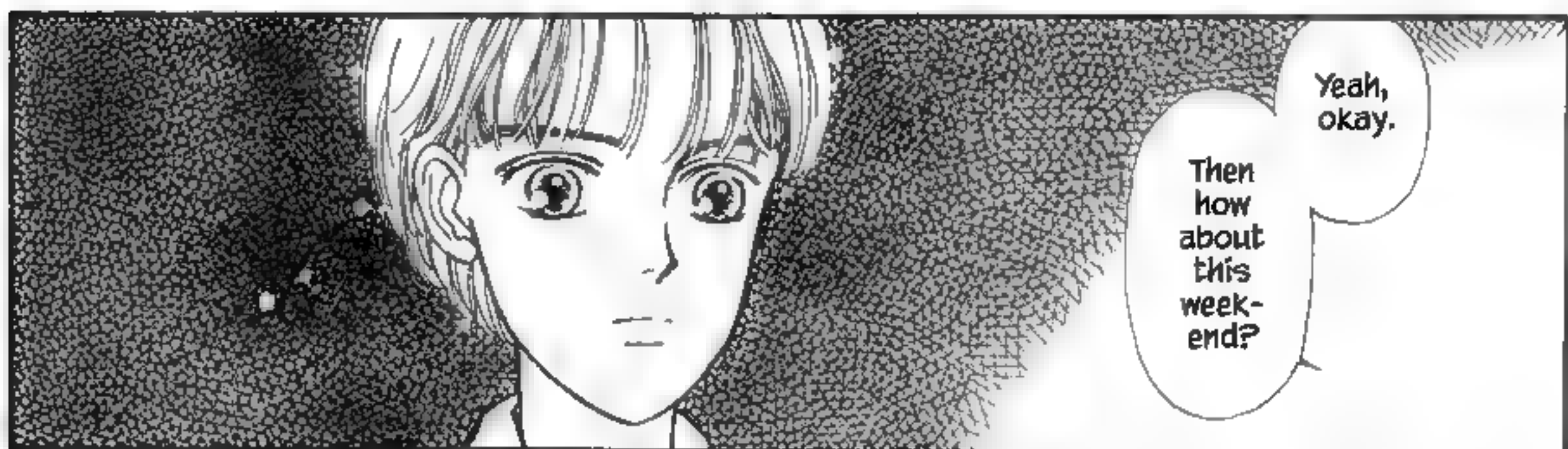
Some-  
place  
where  
we can  
see the  
horizon  
or...

Do you  
want  
to play  
with  
me next  
time?



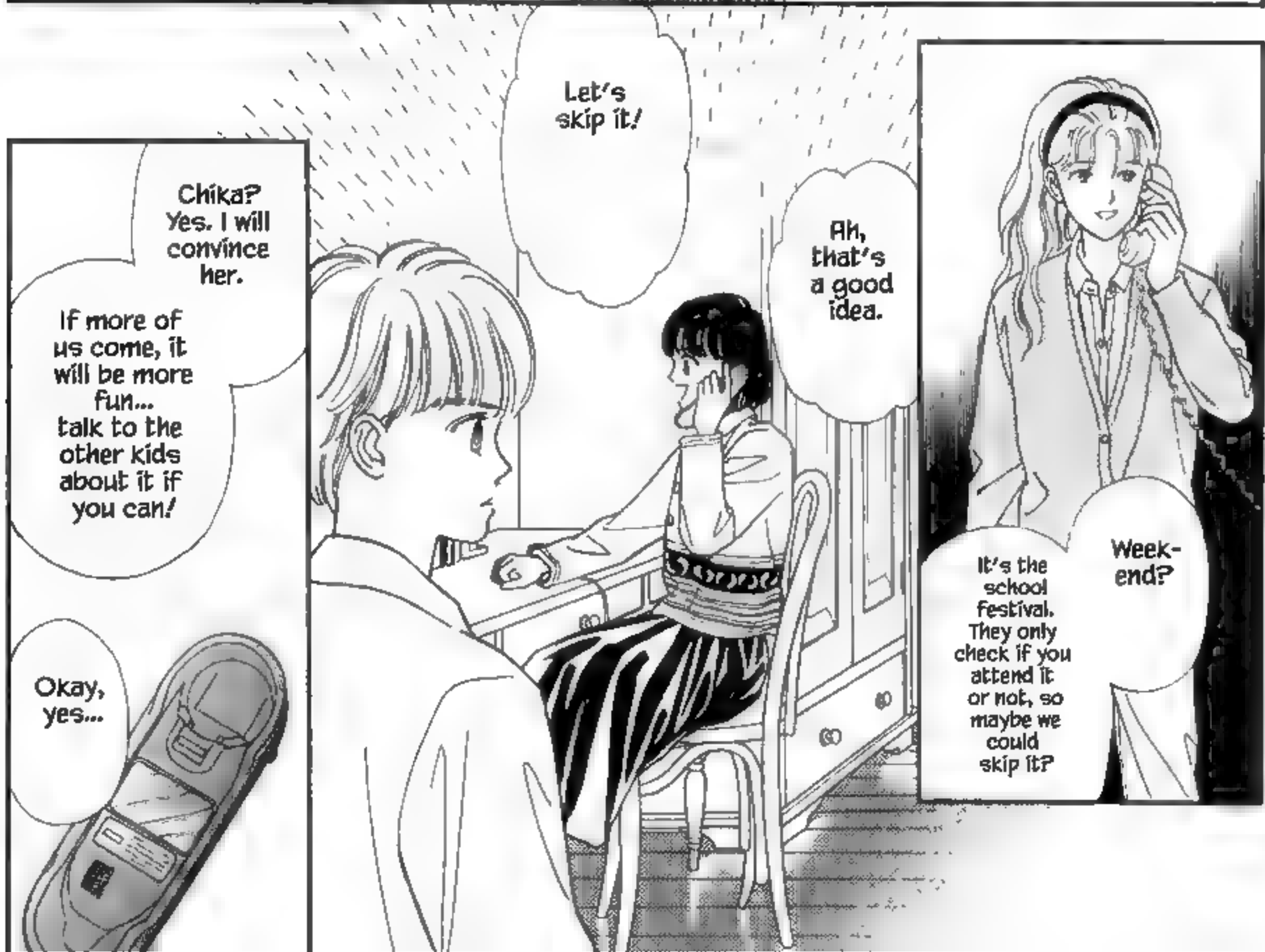
Kita-  
hara?

Ah,  
hello,



Yeah,  
okay.

Then  
how  
about  
this  
week-  
end?



Let's  
skip it!

Chika?  
Yes. I will  
convince  
her.

If more of  
us come, it  
will be more  
fun...  
talk to the  
other kids  
about it if  
you can!

Okay,  
yes...

Ah,  
that's  
a good  
idea.

Week-  
end?

It's the  
school  
festival.  
They only  
check if you  
attend it  
or not, so  
maybe we  
could  
skip it?



Sfx: Click



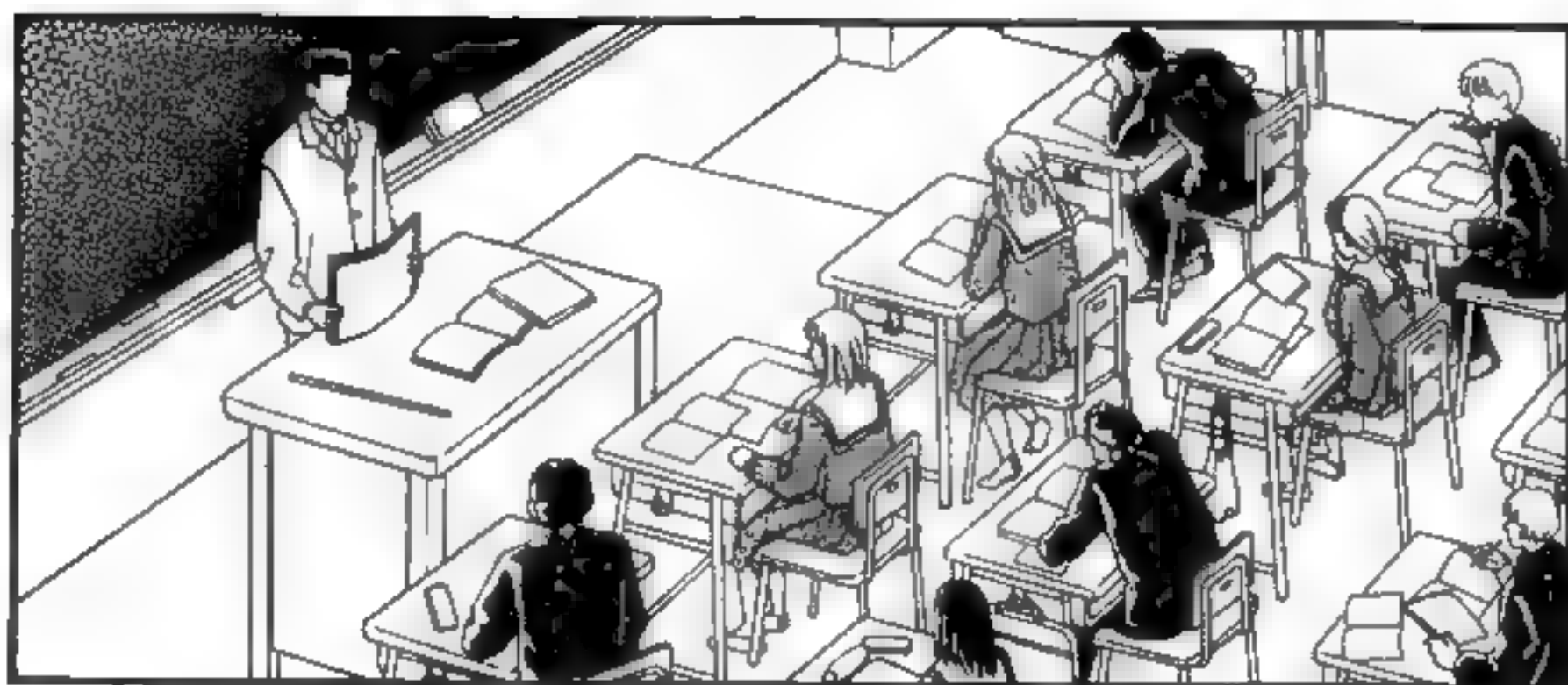
Keep it  
a secret  
from mom  
and dad!



But she is healthy  
and she lifts the  
milk bottle and licks  
it desperately-!



Now, in my big  
Romori house, she  
is eating and  
shitting and living  
on my money.  
Should I name  
her 'Tappy'?  
And one more  
new person is  
Michael Sannomaru.  
I am going to  
develop him  
further from  
second volume  
onwards. But  
basketball  
scenes make  
me nervous. I  
couldn't draw  
them at all at first,  
but when I  
drew it the third  
time and fourth  
time, I felt  
like I could draw  
it... But I am  
definitely telling  
you, 'Natural'  
is not a  
basketball manga  
at all! Please  
believe me!







But,

Why is he following me?



Riko, it's here!

Ah!



You should look there!

Where did you put the school uniform?

Hi, sorry I'm late!







# 前哨戰

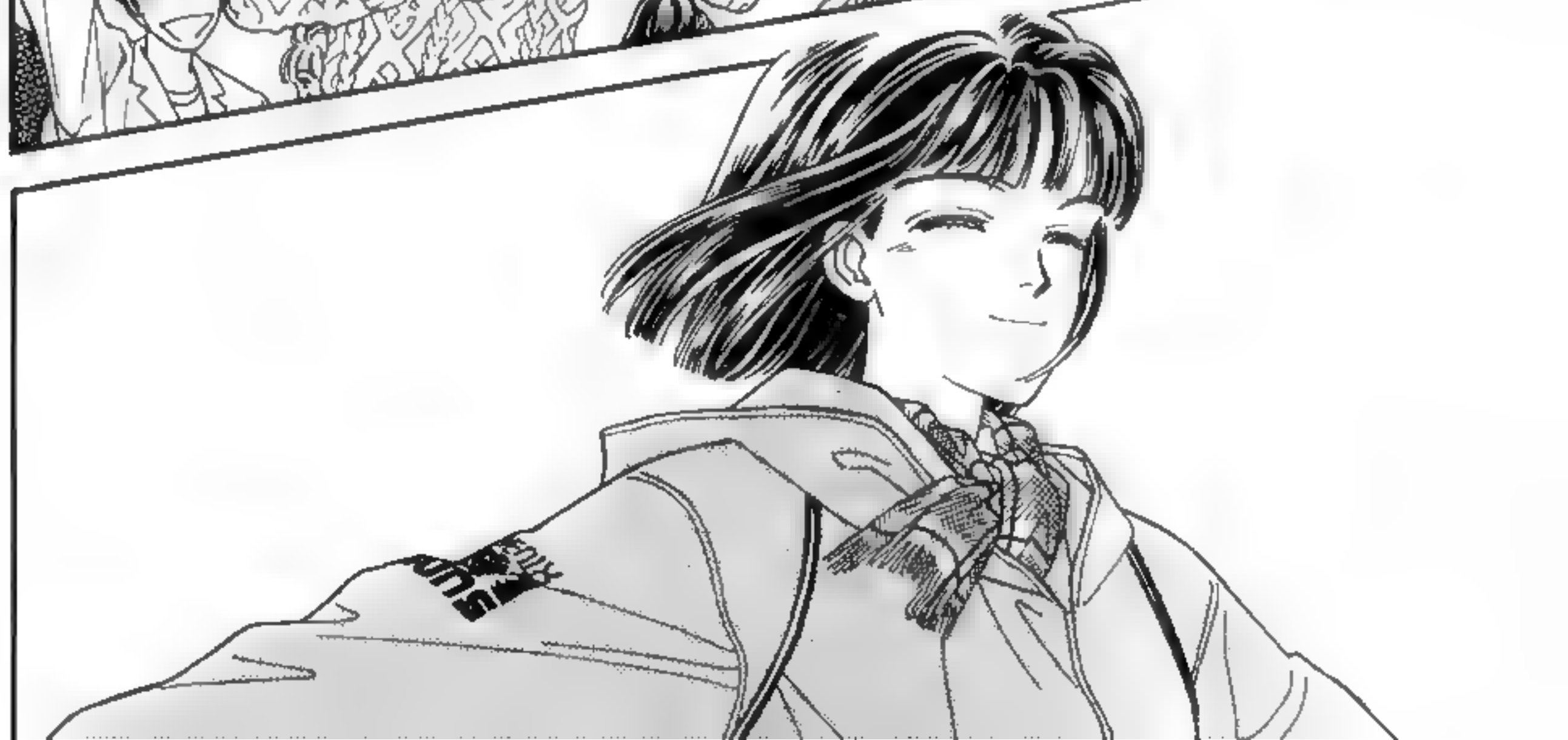


I need to bear it.



The responsibility  
for a hundred  
people,





## 前哨戰







# 前哨戦







Do you want to do it together?

Something like this,

could exist.



Can I just pour it out?

Ah?

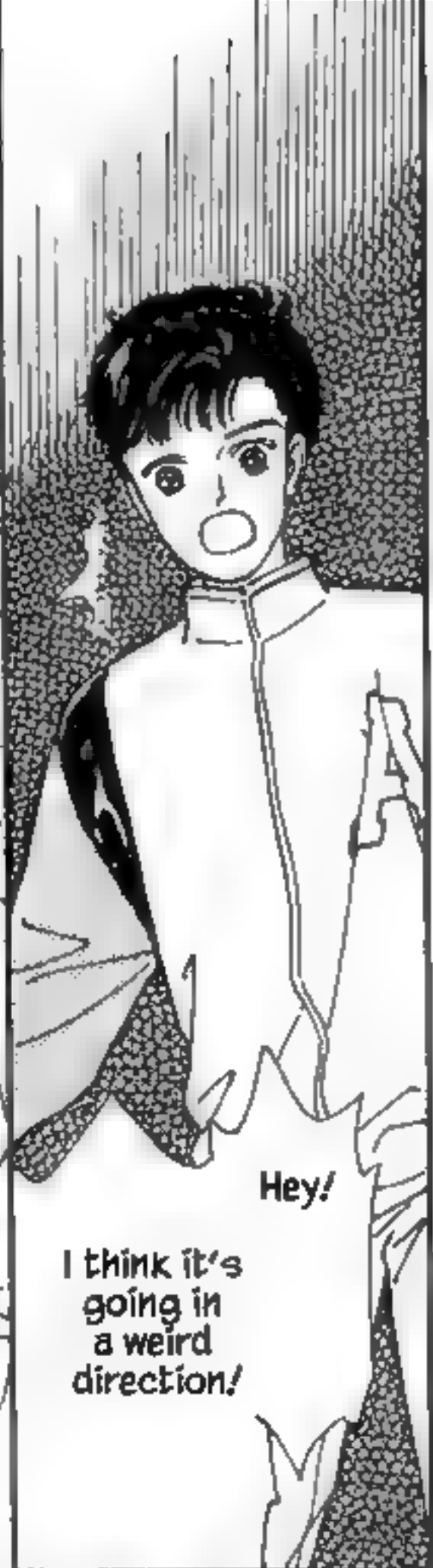
Yeah,



Okay ~

We need more water!

What kind the face should the dinosaur have?



Hey!

I think it's  
going in  
a weird  
direction!

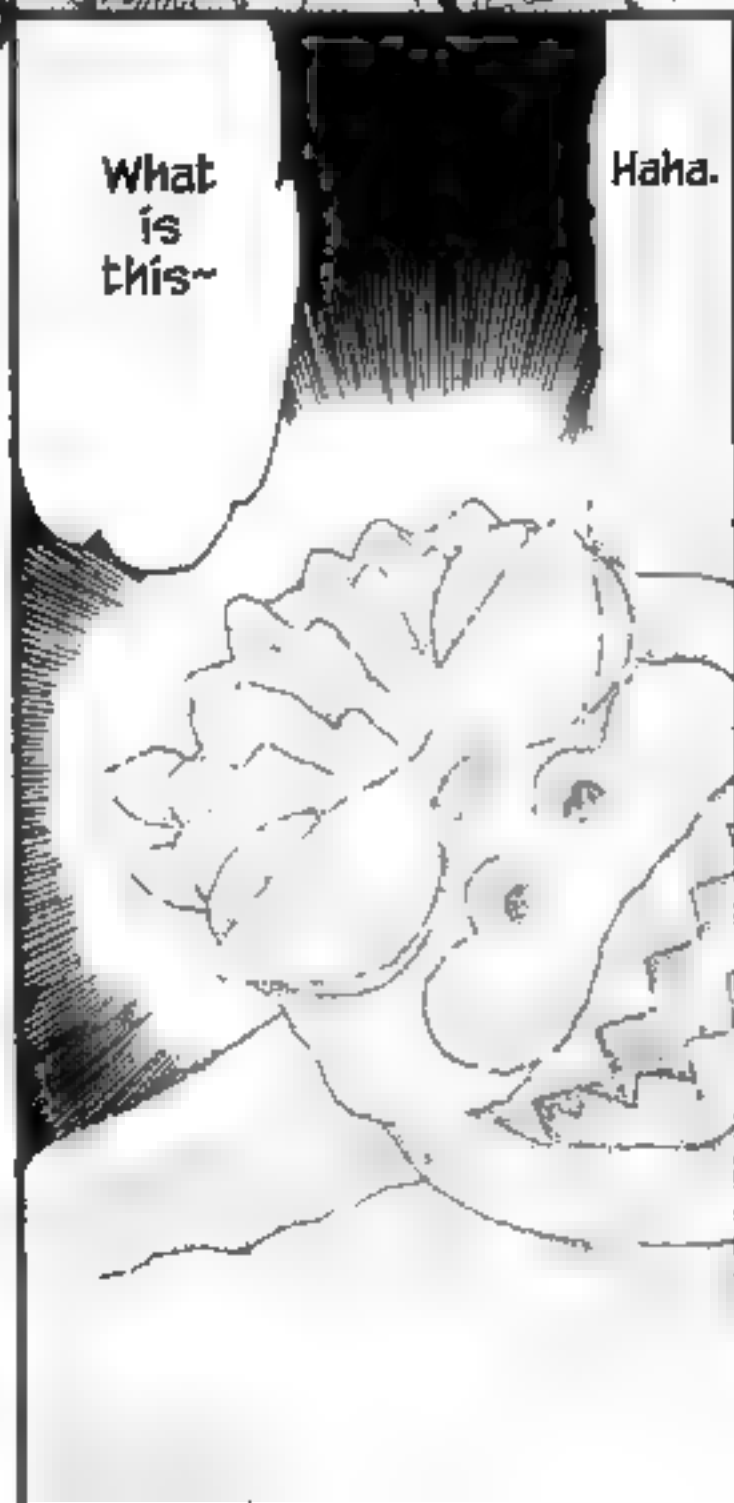


Haha

Haha!



This is  
so  
cool~!

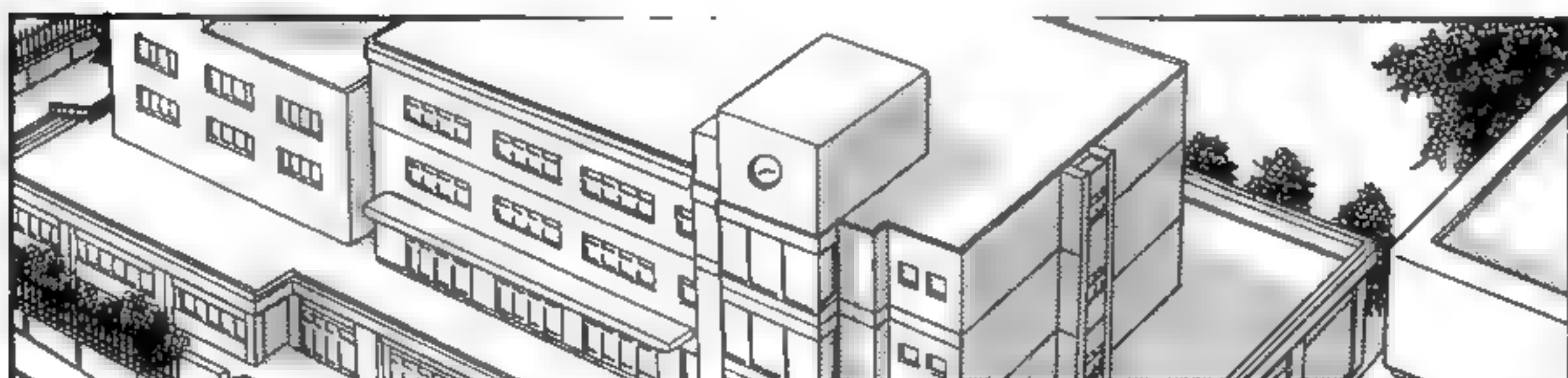
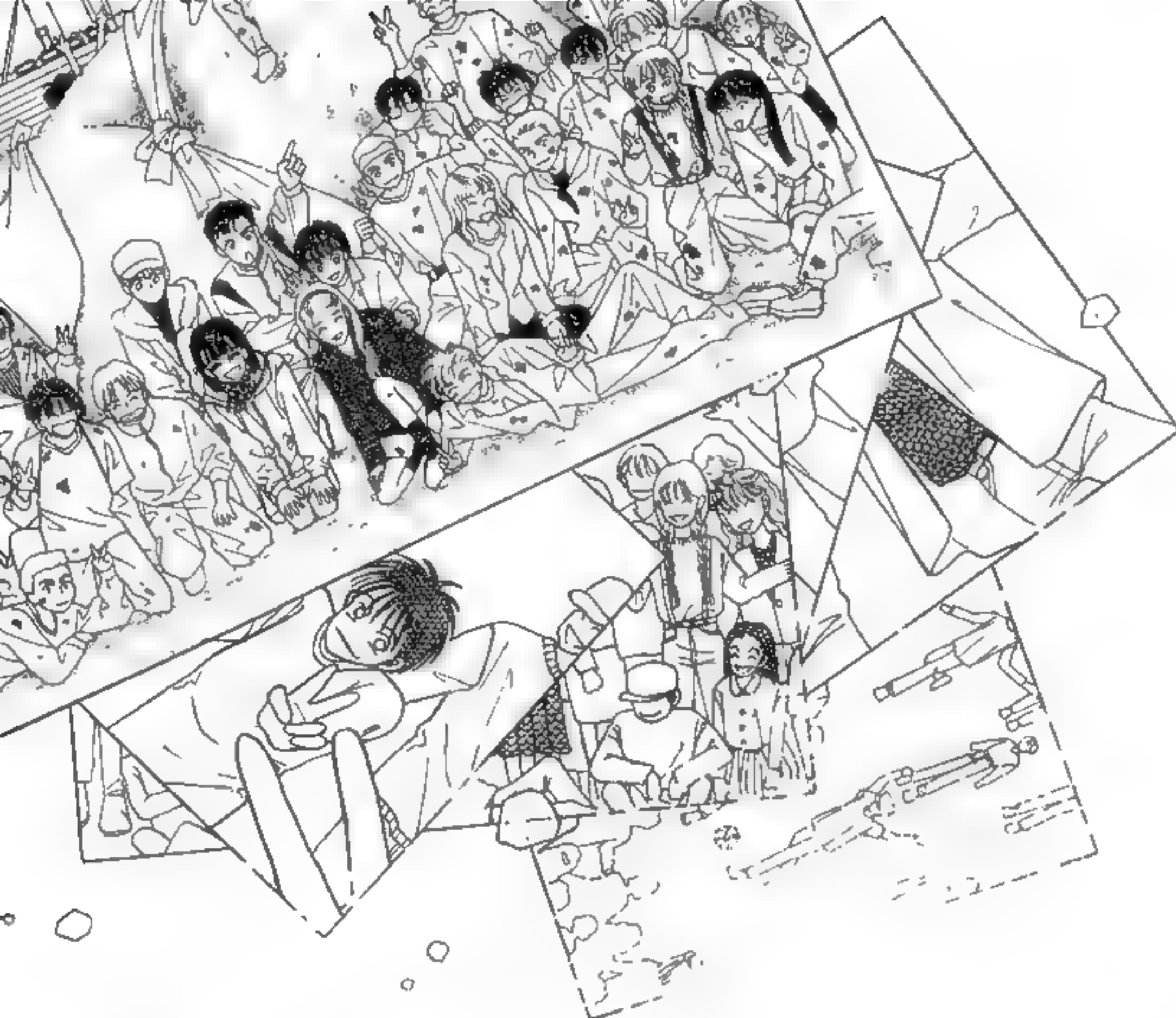


What  
is  
this~

Haha.

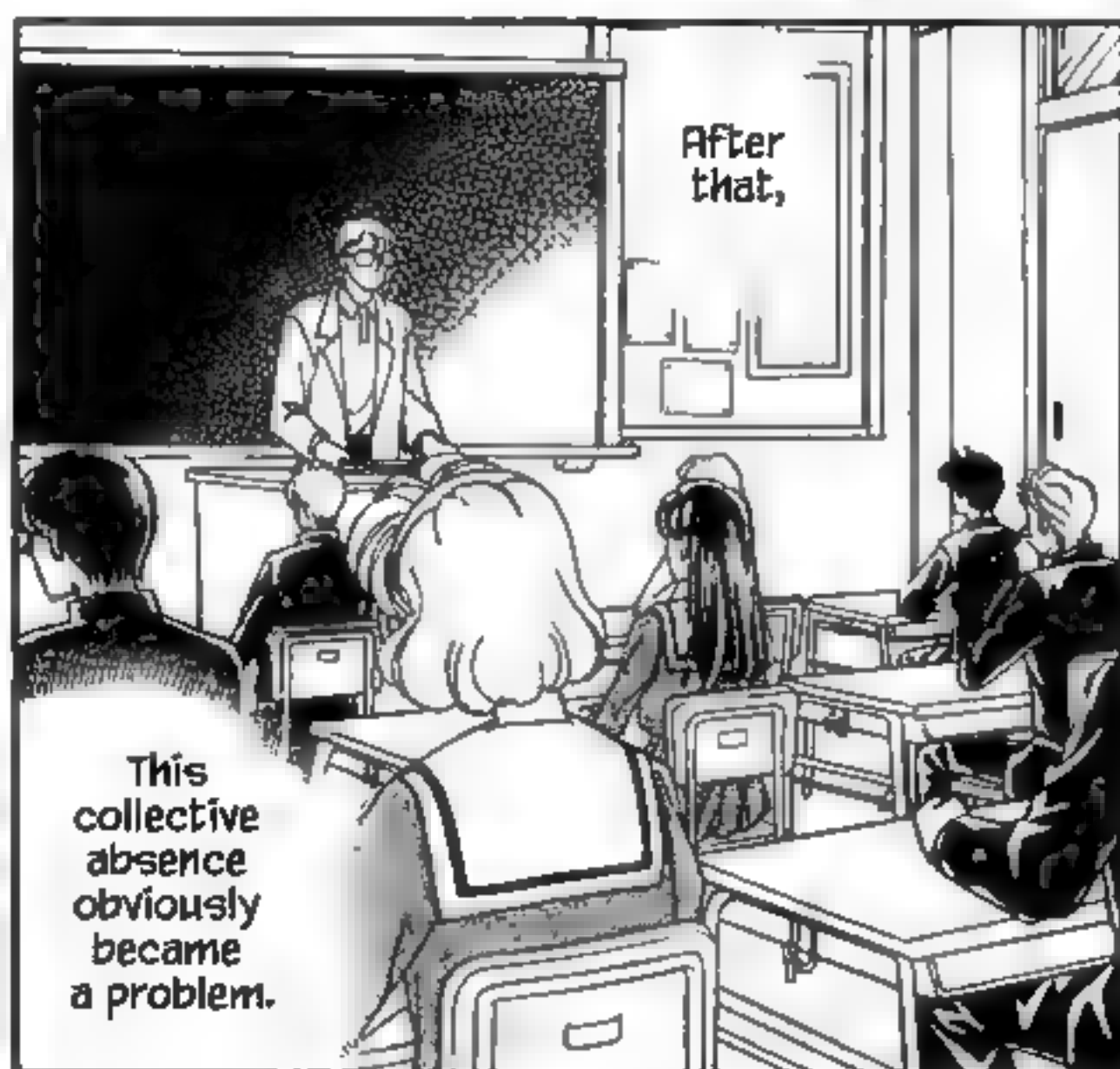






So the homeroom teachers were very angry.

Some people ran away even when they had to do work for a cultural club,



After that,

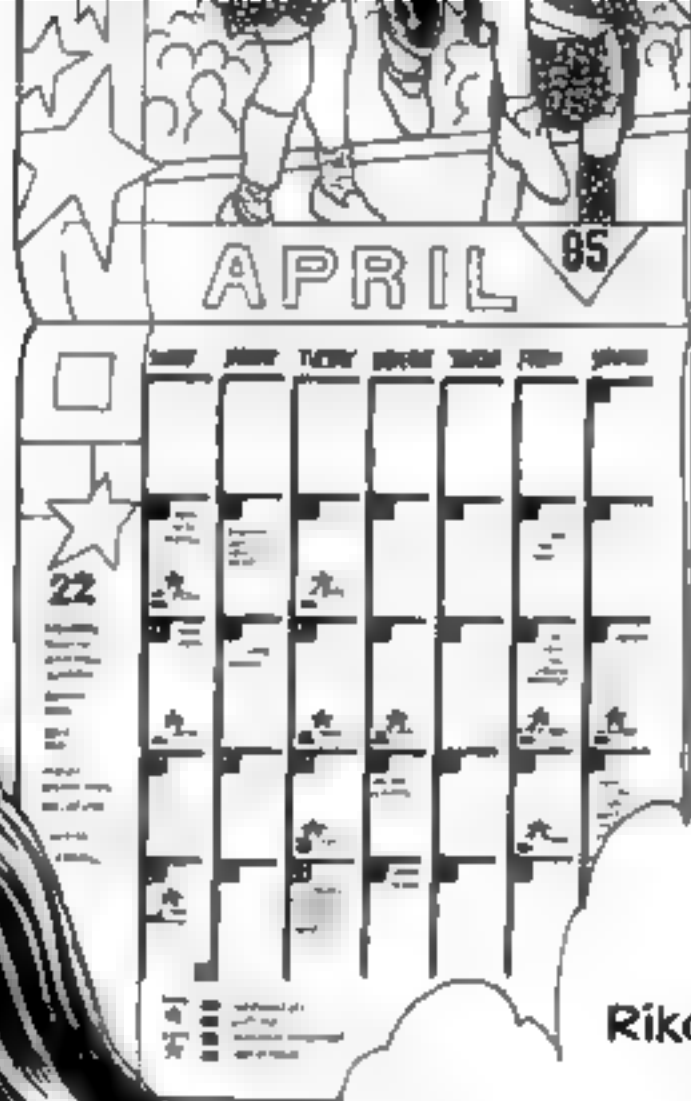
This collective absence obviously became a problem.





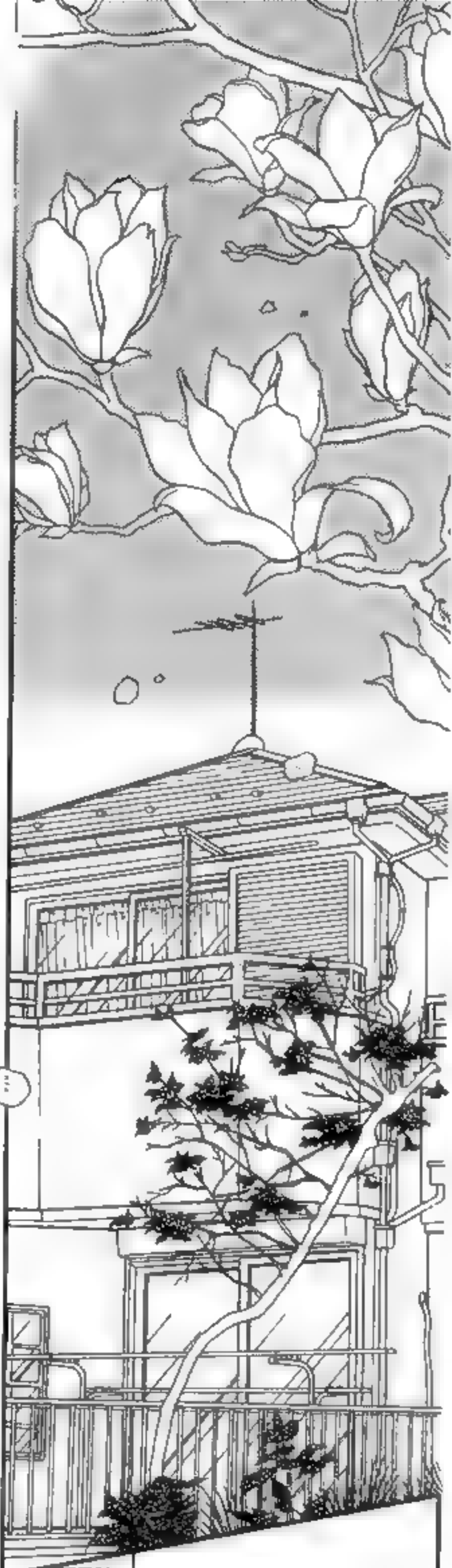
↑ I put a tape on one of his eyebrows. Hehe...





Riko,

It's a  
phone  
call-!



Hi, it's  
been  
a long  
time!

Yuki/  
What  
is it?



I am  
going to  
Zaire for  
some time.

As a  
part of  
my club  
activities,

I wanted  
to say  
hi,










I am living in a  
way that suits me.

In this big city,



That's what  
I decided.

The end of episode Skirmish.

前哨戦／おわり







Michael.

It's the name of an archangel in the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic religions. In the Old Testament, he is the guardian angel of Israel. In the New Testament, he leads the fight against Satan.



He is generally depicted as an armed youth.



It is really just like Michael.

Hm,



What, what?

A date with your brother?

カ  
ア

アア

カ  
ア



Sfx:  
Rattle

スペイン語	Miguel	ミゲル
イギリス	Michael	マイケル
ドイツ	Michael	ミハエル
フランス	Michel	ミッシェル
イタリア	Michele	ミケーレ
ロシア	Mikhail	ミハイル

Michael.

So it can be Michael or Michel or Maicle.



Which country is he from? That kid?

Riko really has a brother!

Yeah, he's from Peru.

What's his name?

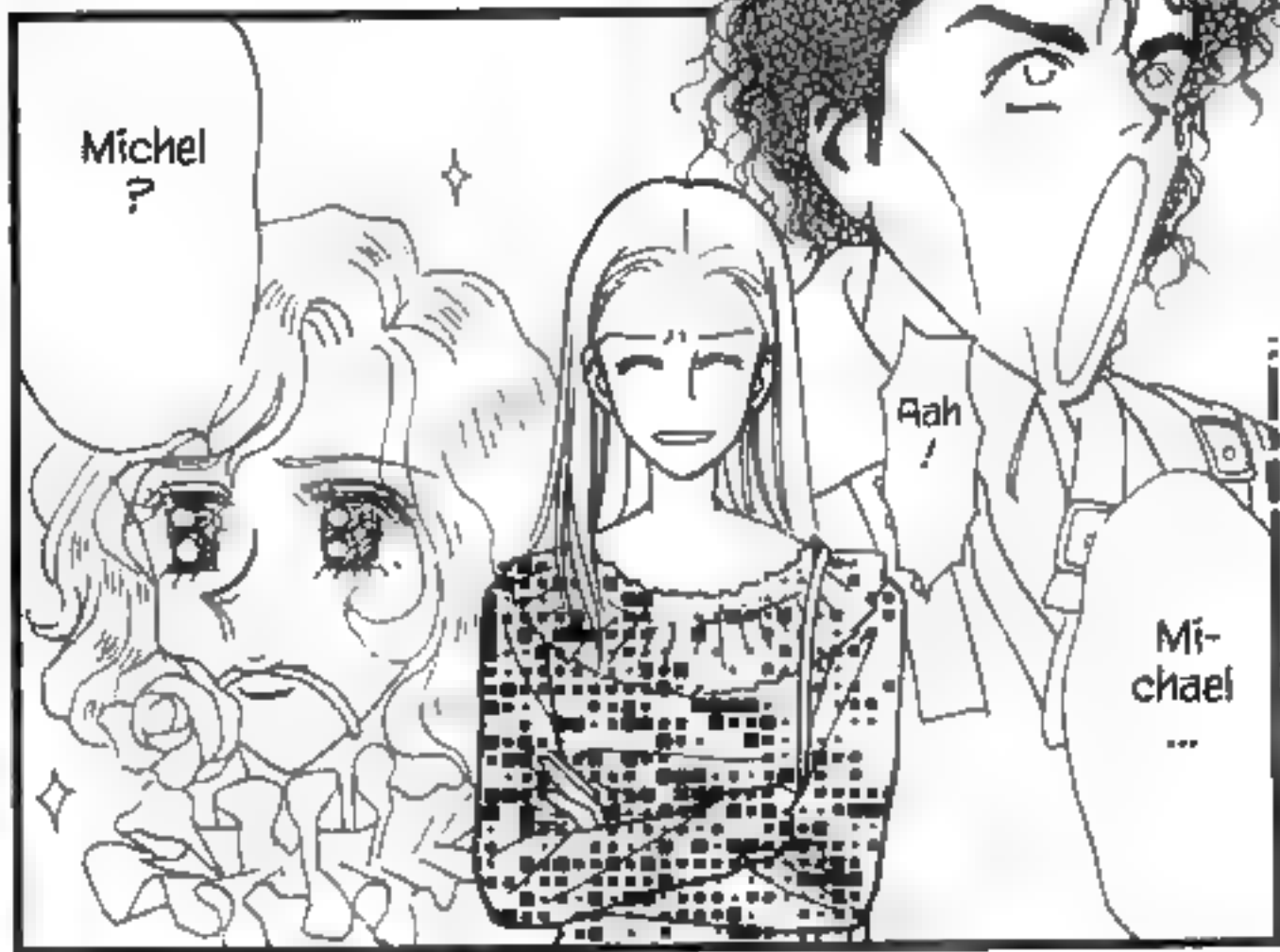
カ  
ア

Rattle



I think we call him Michael more these days.

Yeah.



Michel ?

Aah !

Mi-  
chael  
...



If you're arguing whether he looks like an asian, he could look...

Huh? Well...

Does he have that feeling?

Sfx: Woosh



Michael!

He is here. Here!



That is, he is a little small...

He has an asian face, but his name is Michael.

How about his height? Is he tall?



If you want to change trains.

And he is small!

Ah,









# NATURAL 1











Michael  
definitely grew  
up as my type  
of a boy.



Haha.

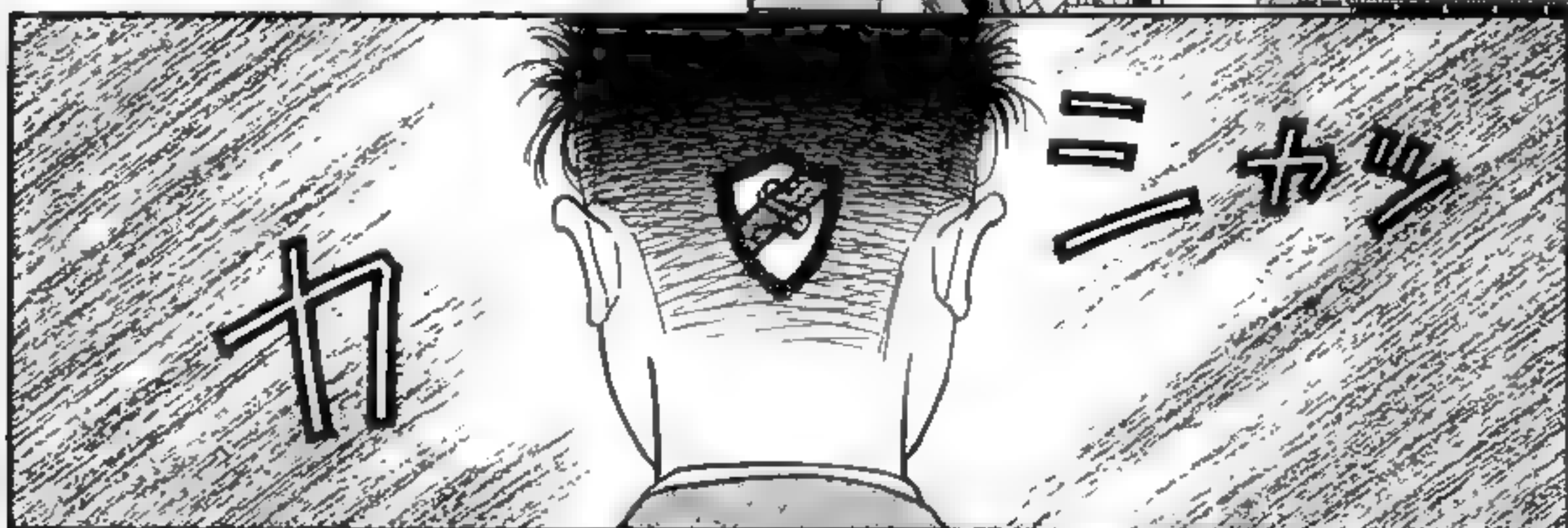
He'll  
grow  
even  
taller.

I want  
to see  
him grow  
up  
more~

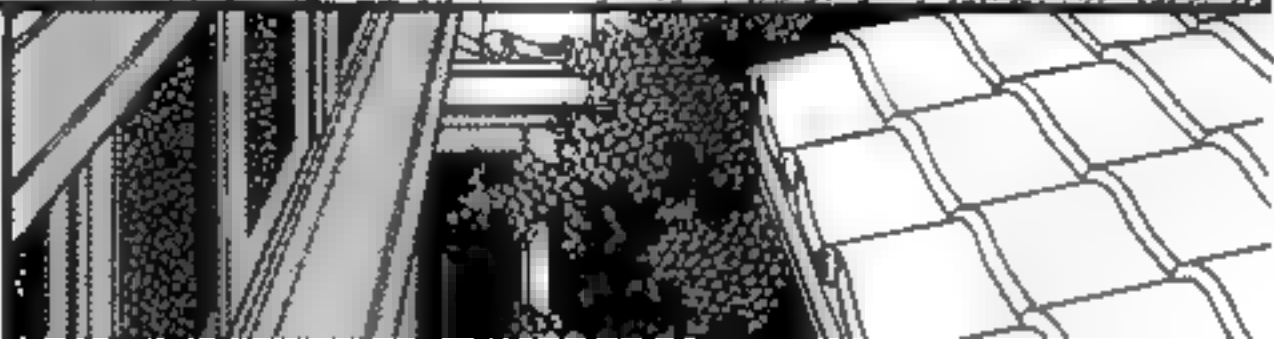


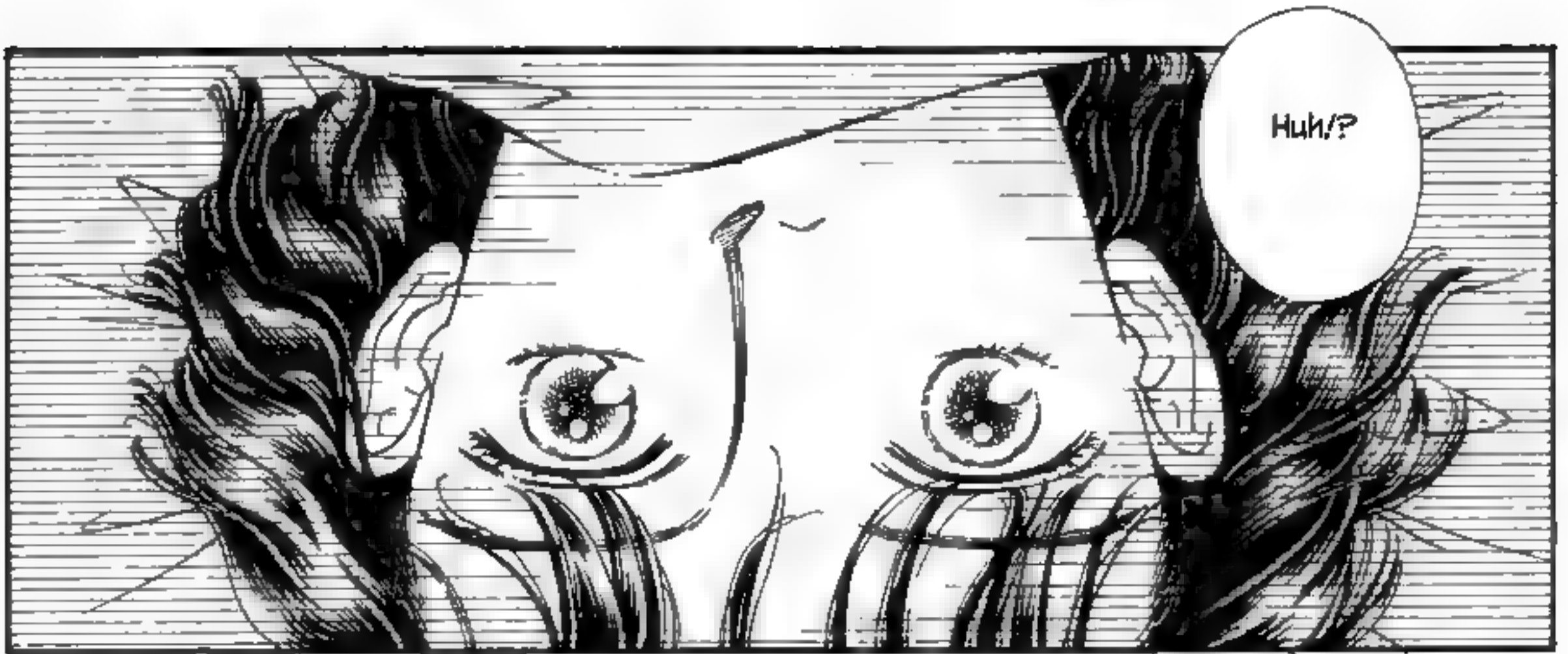
But,  
Except for  
one thing.





Sfx: Appear









But why ...

What about school emblem?



Oh my, yes?

It's convenient to have visions like that.

A guest will come soon!

I didn't have them much after I came back to Japan, but now they started again...



I only see weird things though.

What?

Jordan will come back.

I saw them a lot in Peru. They seemed like the real thing.



It often comes true.

Yes,

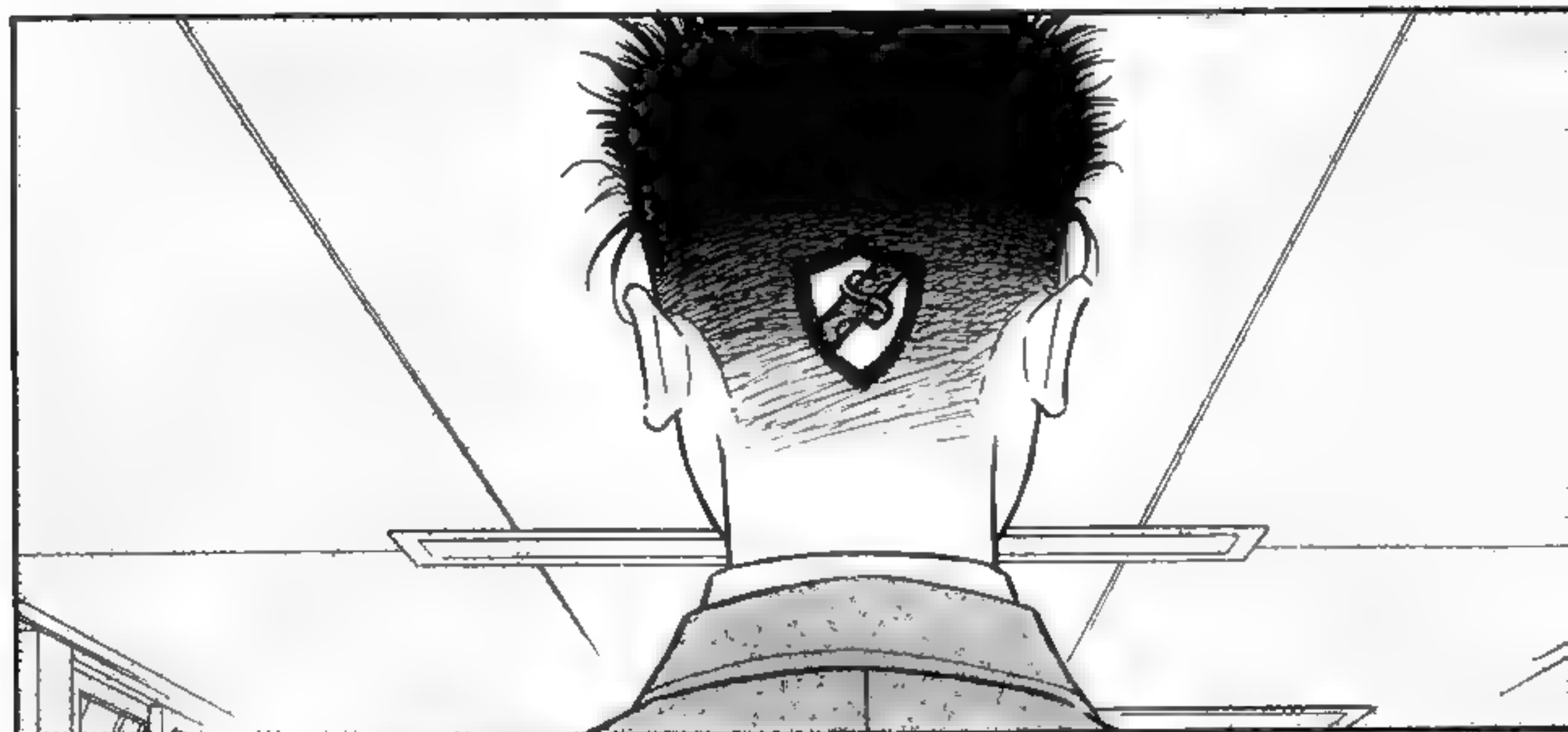
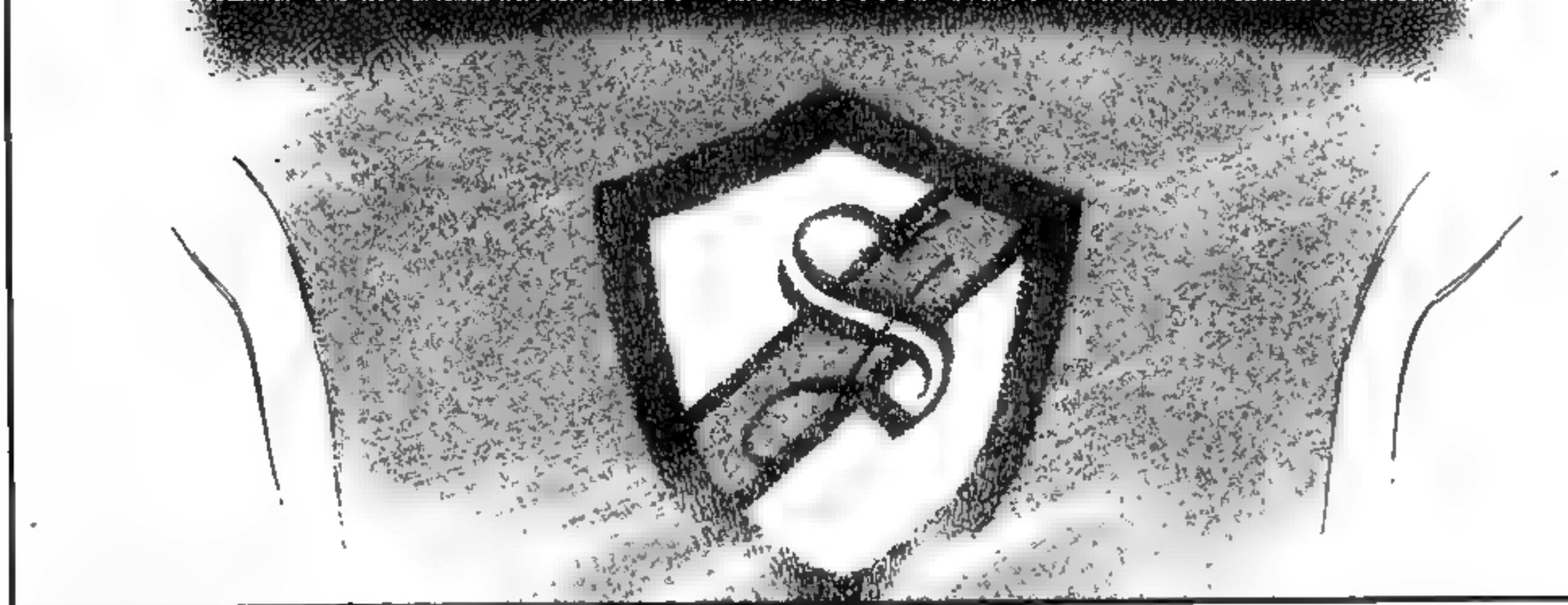


That was ...

I saw someone ... who had it printed on the back of his head.



Huh?







I hate that  
geezer  
of a barber!

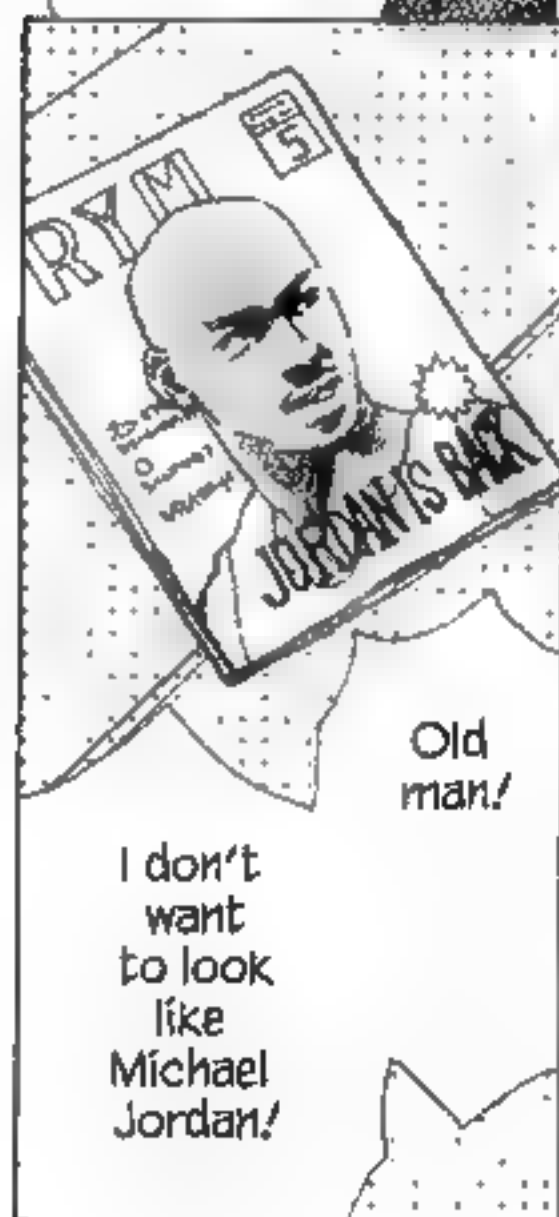
Damn it,



So I said to  
the old man...

I will give  
you a  
hairstyle  
which  
will make  
you  
popular!

Hey,  
leave  
it to  
me,



Old  
man!

I don't  
want  
to look  
like  
Michael  
Jordan!



I will  
make you  
look like that  
basketball  
player  
that you  
like!

Yes?!



My  
name is  
somewhat  
scary too.

I have a  
scary face.  
I have scary  
eyes.

When the new  
year came  
and I changed  
my class,  
many people  
glared at me and  
my middle school  
was really painful.

Sfx:  
Shocked

Huh?

And it  
looks  
stupid...

This is really  
artistic!

But,

I became  
uselessly  
scary...

I  
know  
!

Who  
would cut  
hair like  
that when  
it's not  
artistic?!

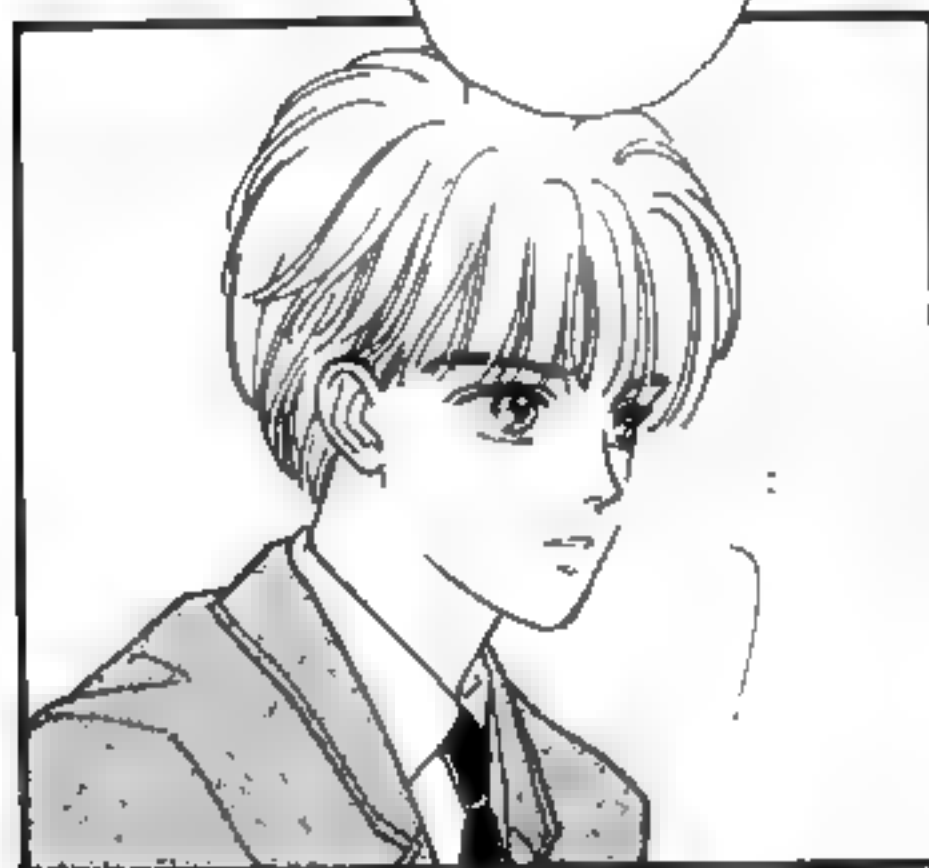




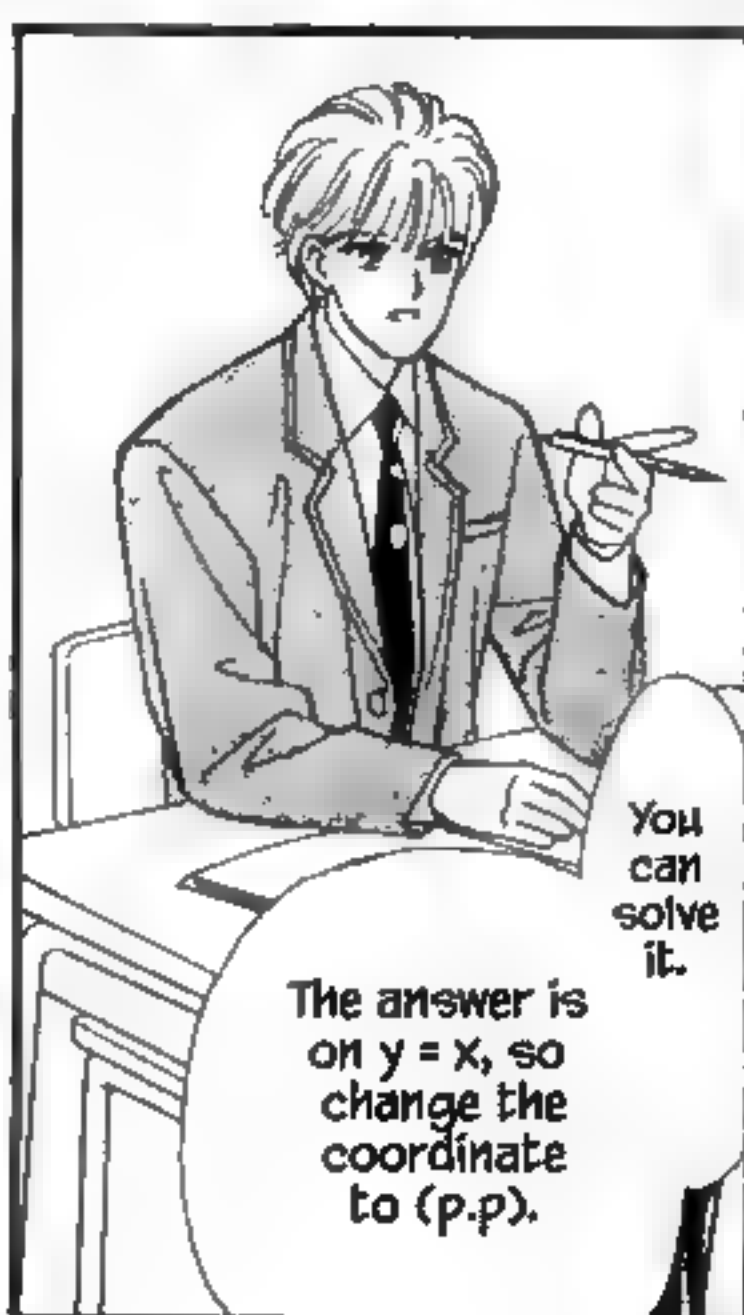


Anthony Mason.  
NY Knicks.  
Player  
Number 14.  
He doesn't  
shave off  
all his hair.

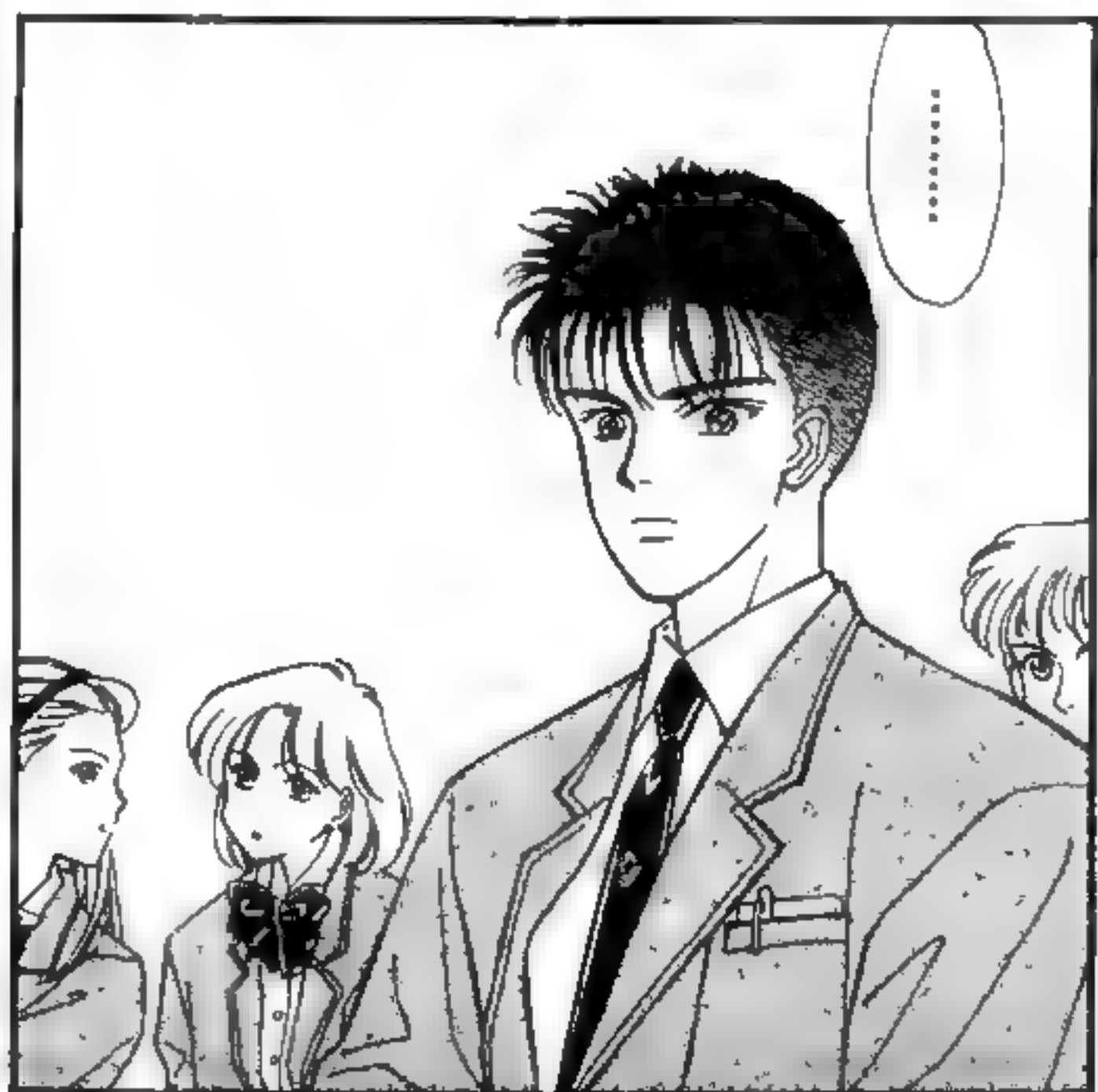
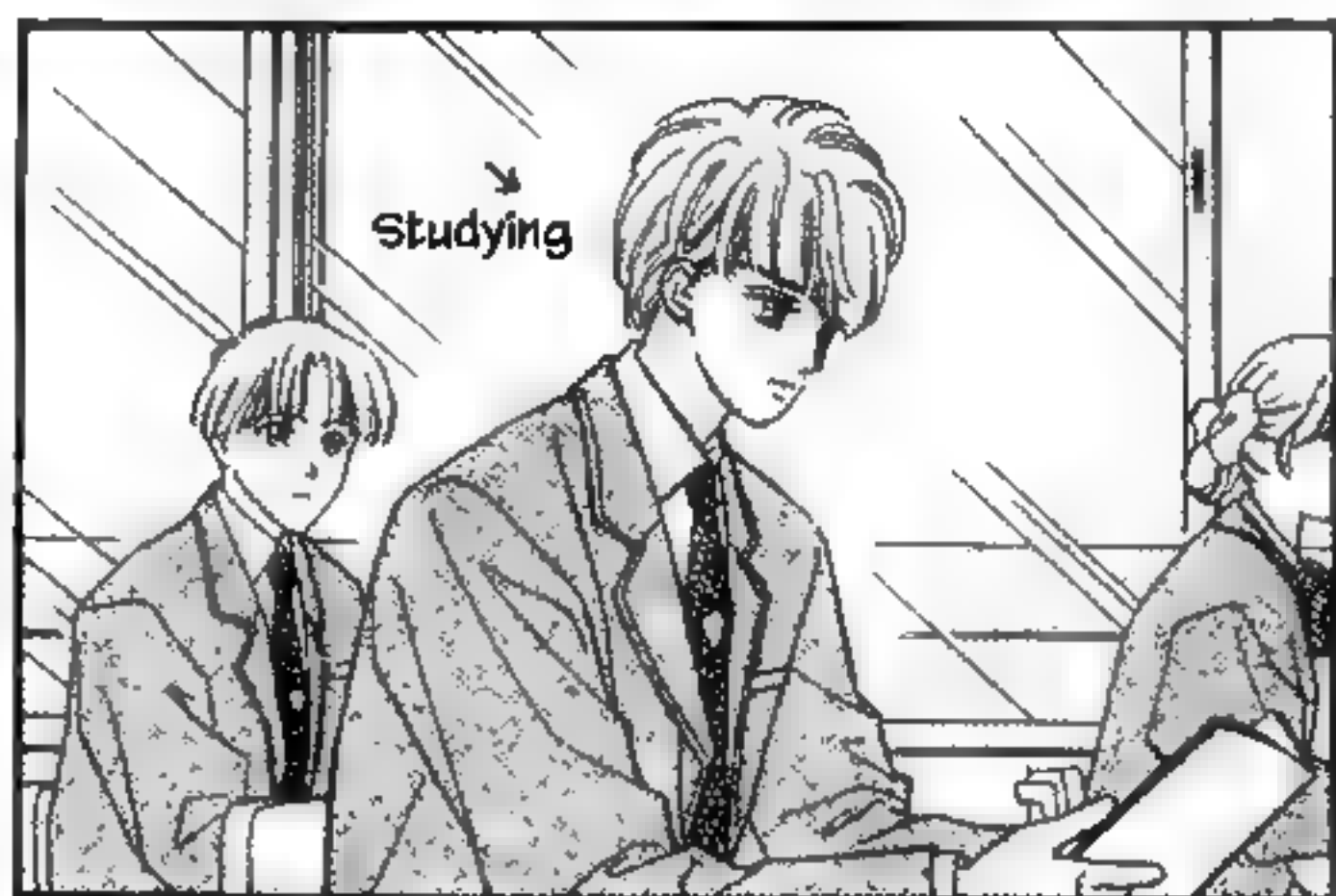
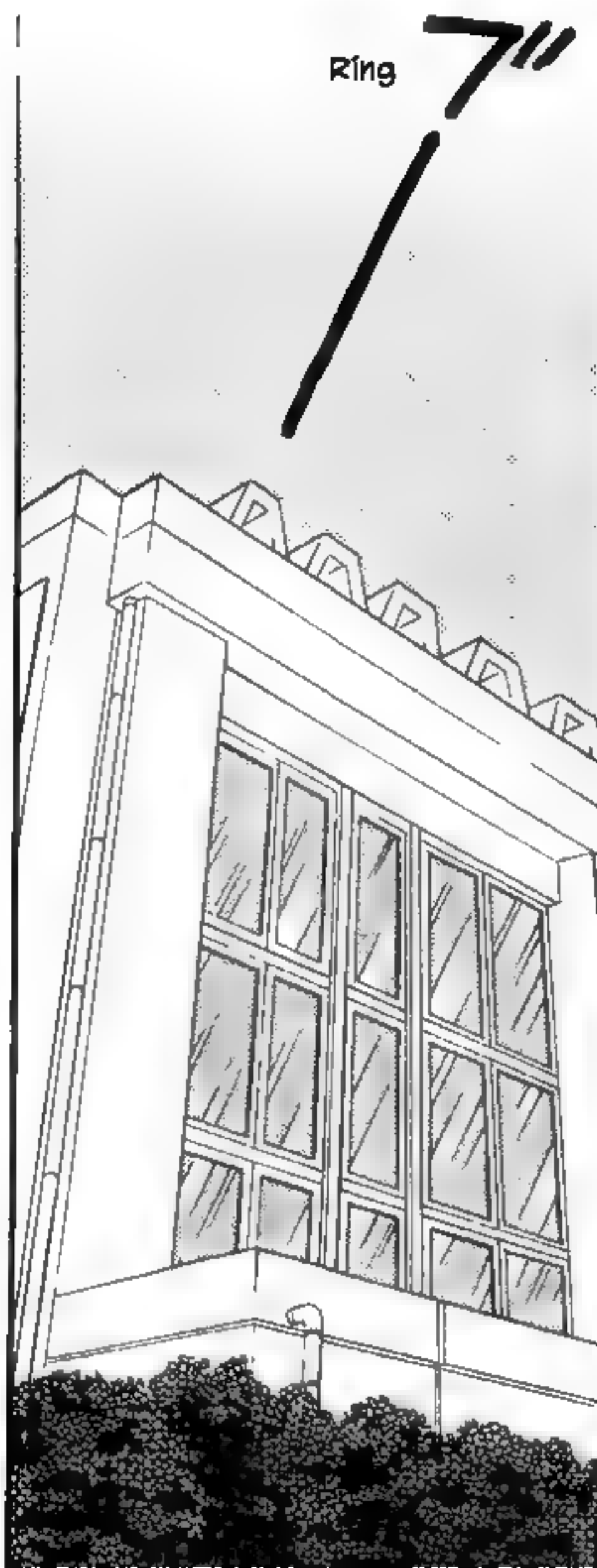
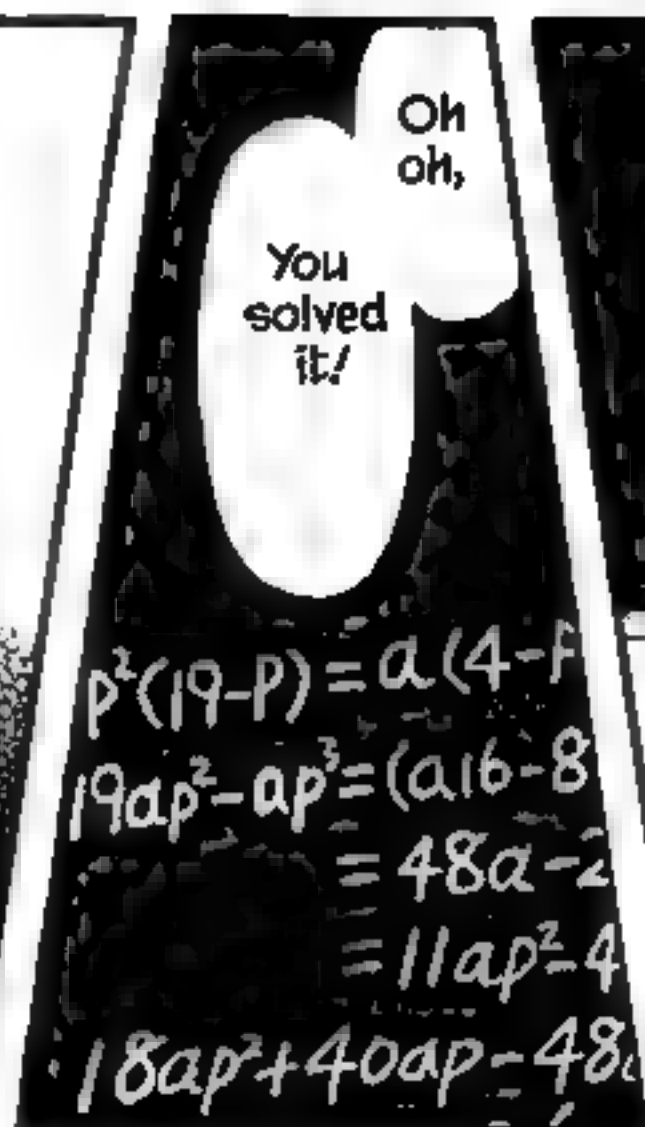








Sfx: Write





The PE class is going to have basketball for some time!

Yay? Isn't annoying to show other people how to play basketball as a club member?



Hm,



...I see ...

Ah, basketball?

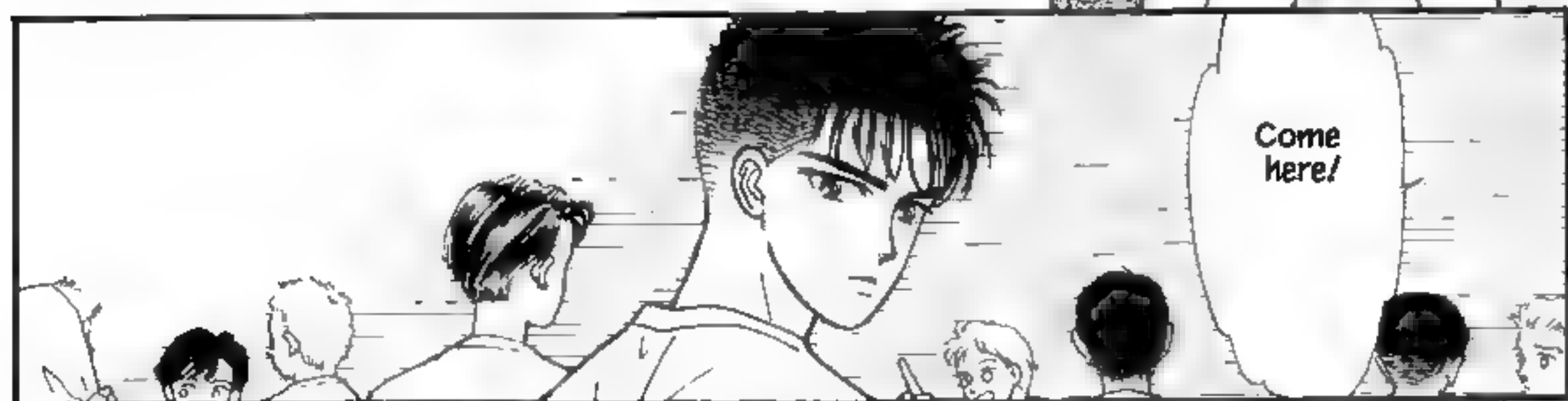


If it's for basketball, my hair won't be seen as weird!

Haha

That is what I want.

No, it's weird.



Come here!



Has anyone played basketball in a club?



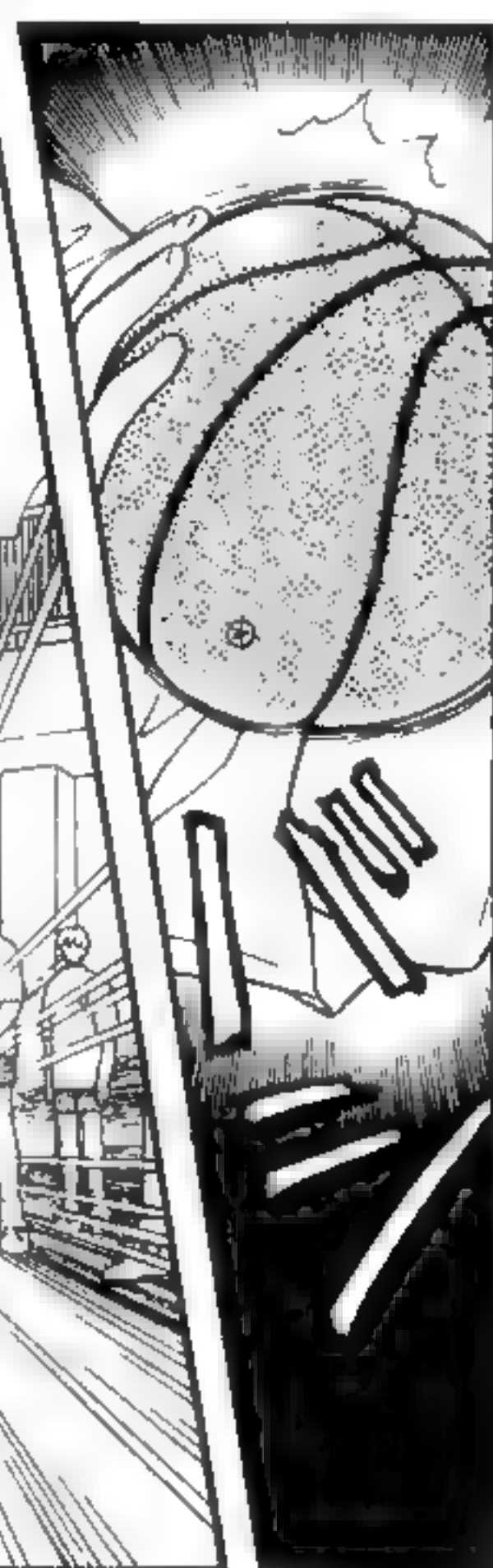
Look, he is picking us.

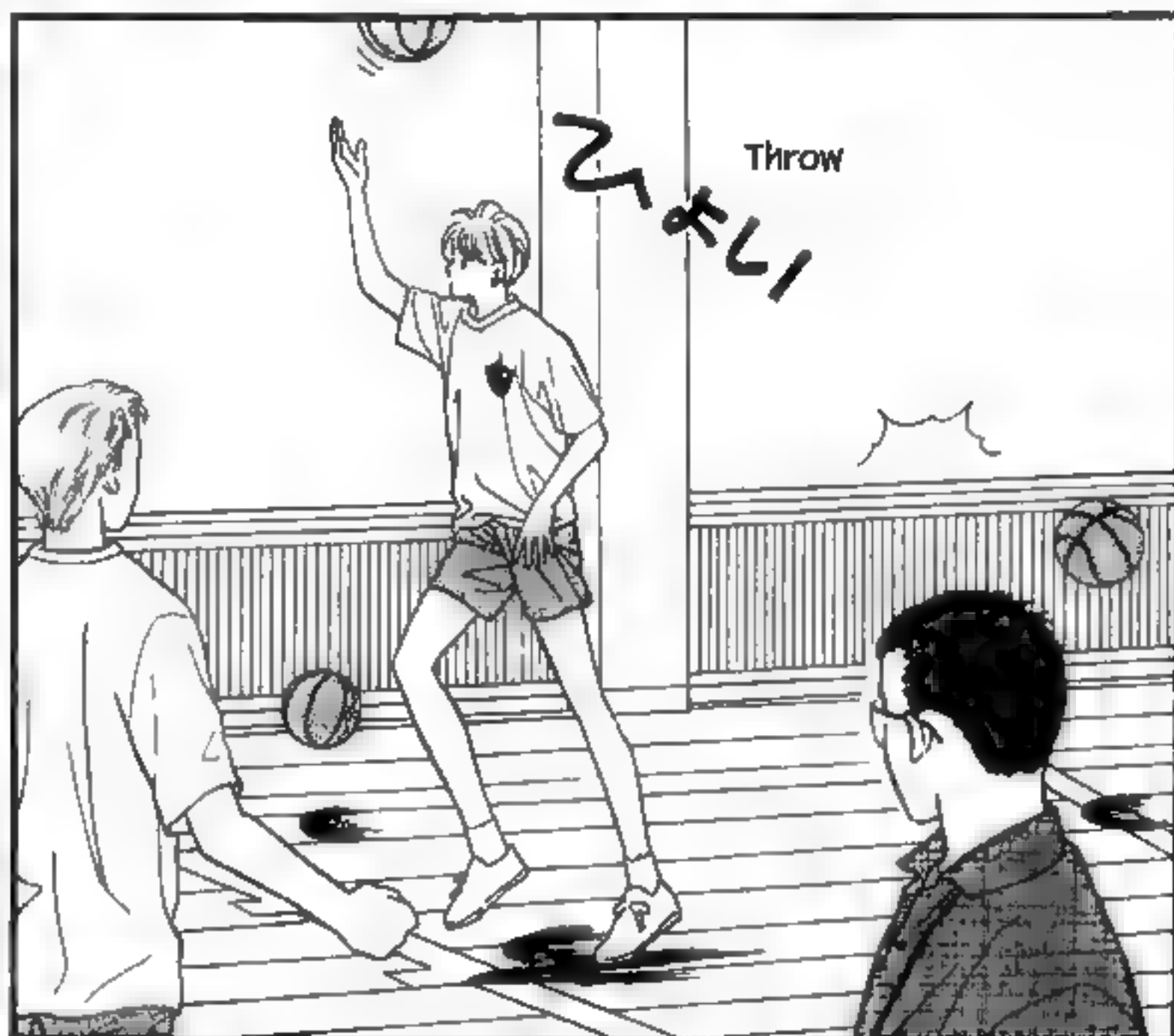


Good!

Wait!



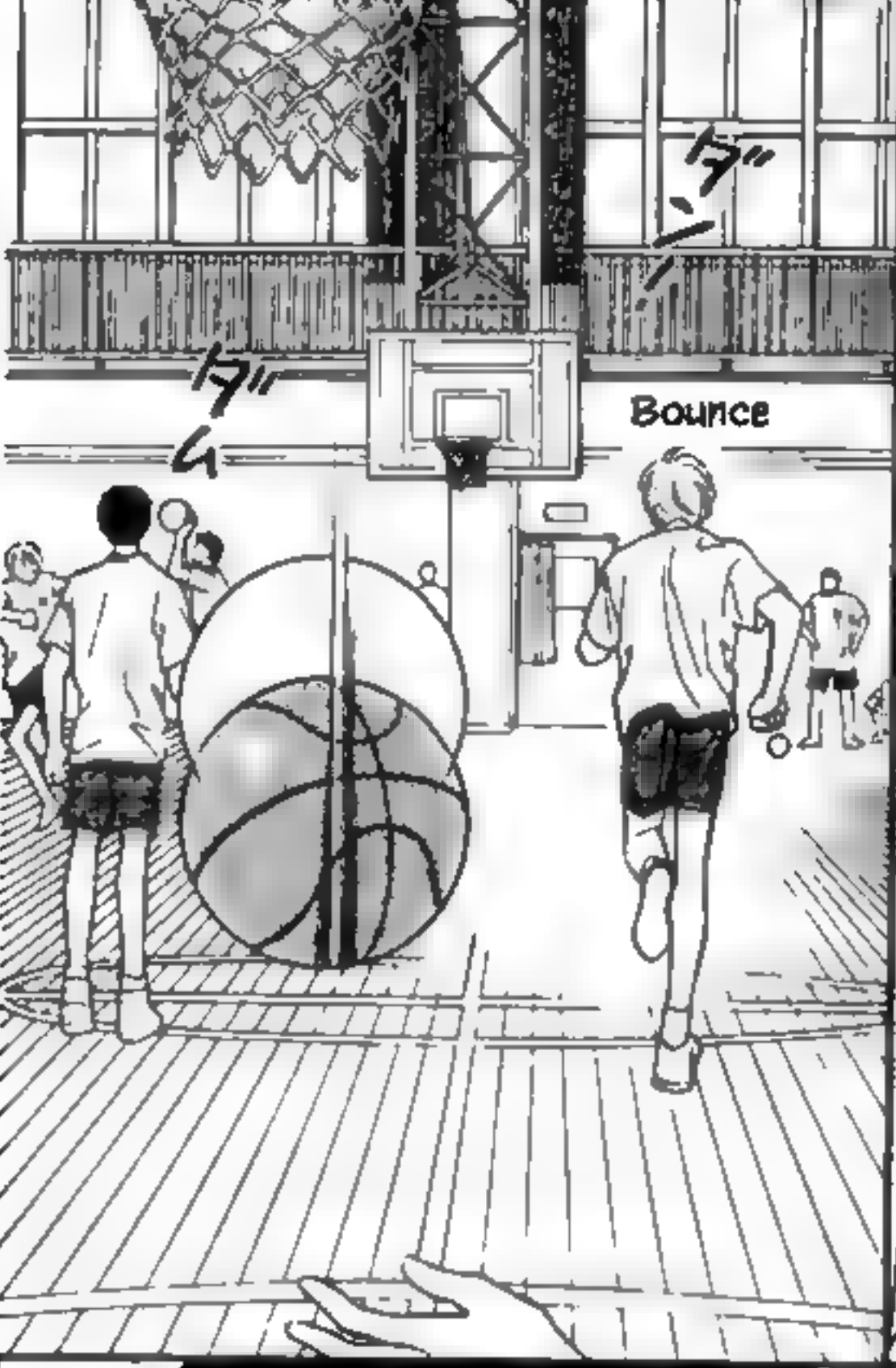






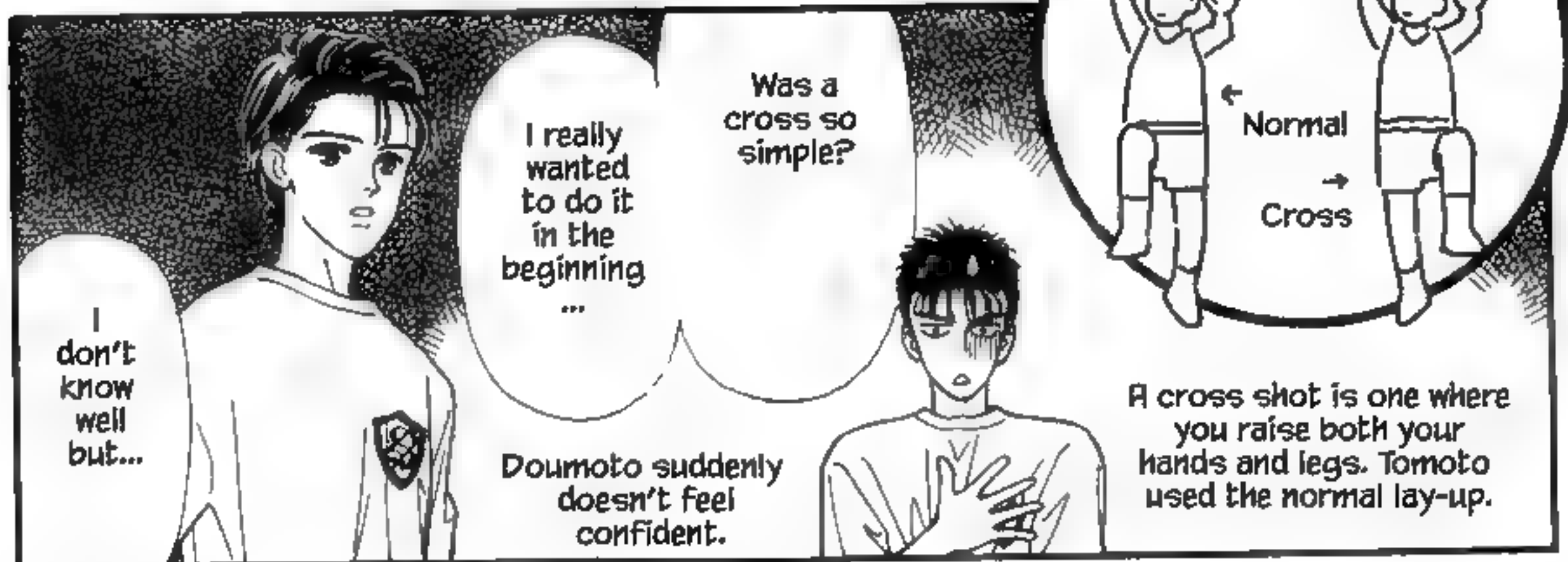


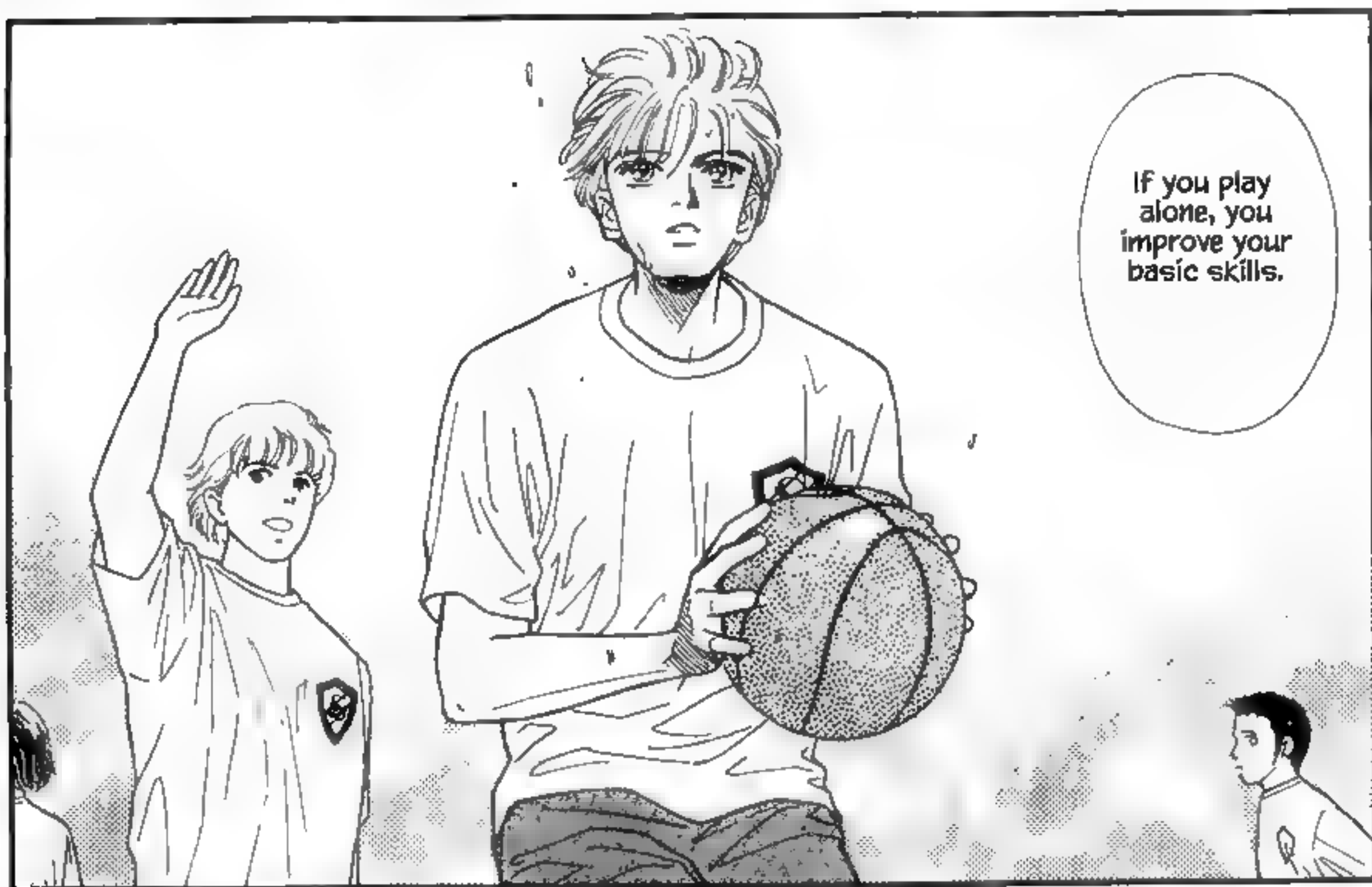
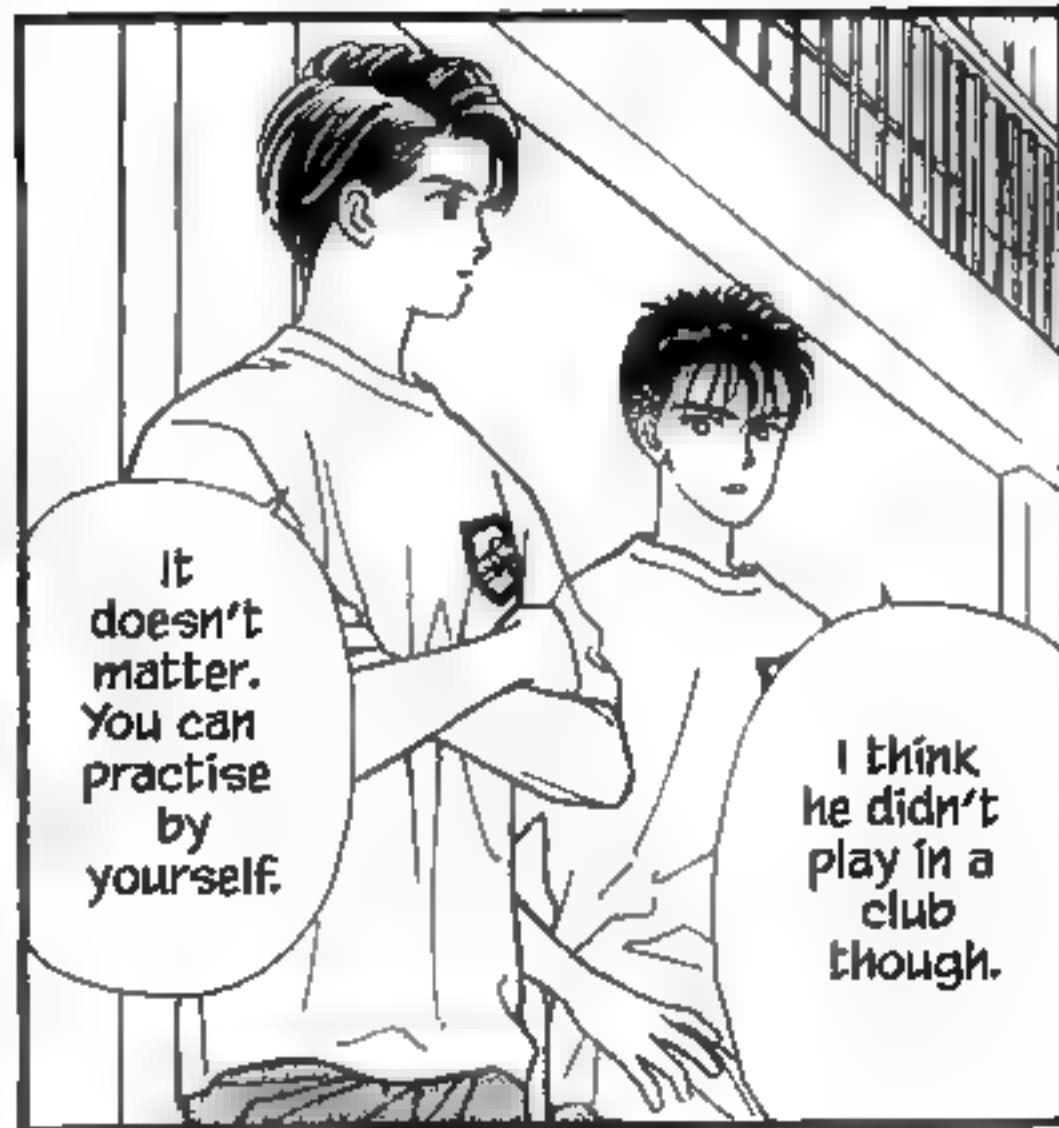
Sfx:  
Jump



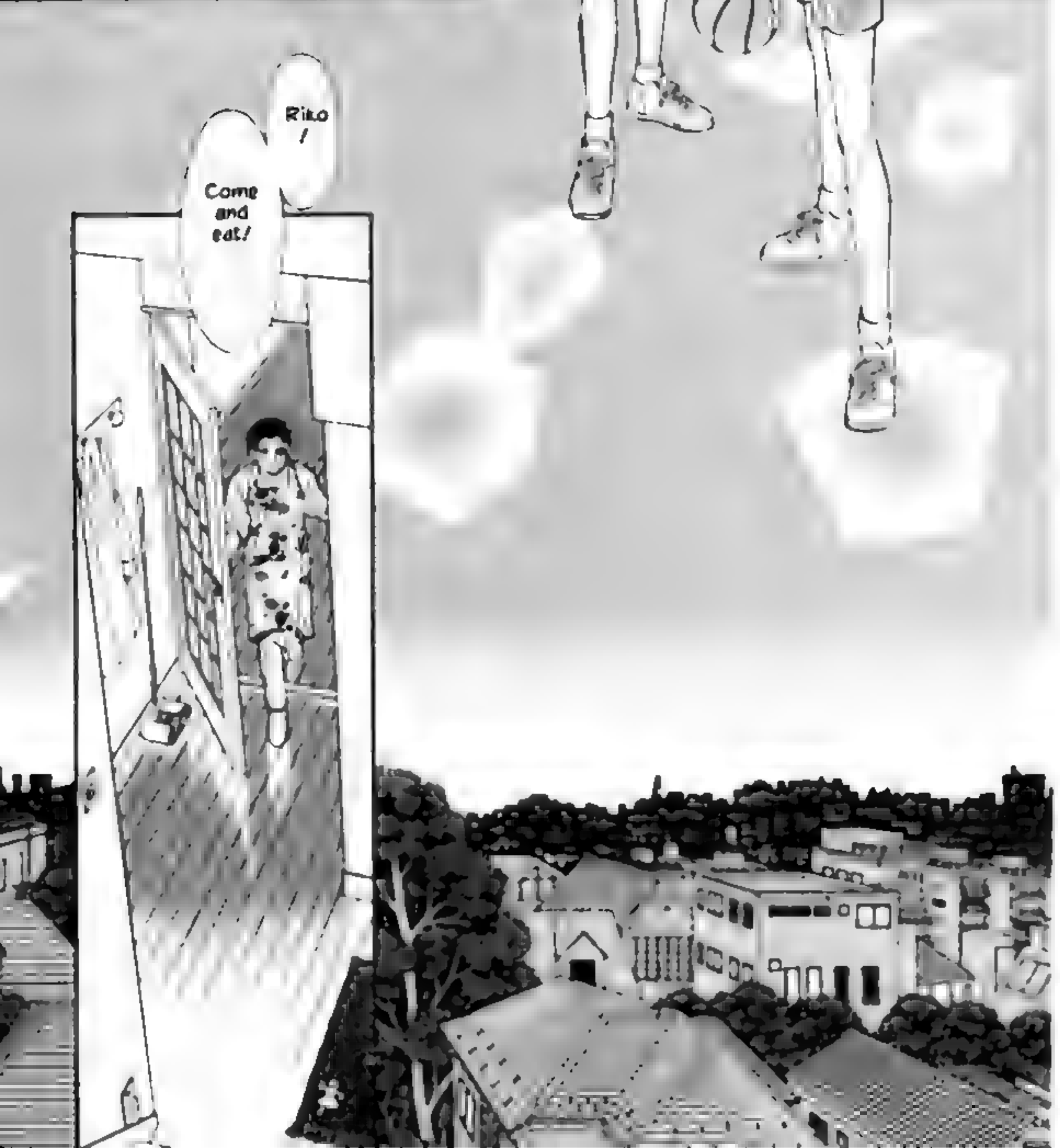


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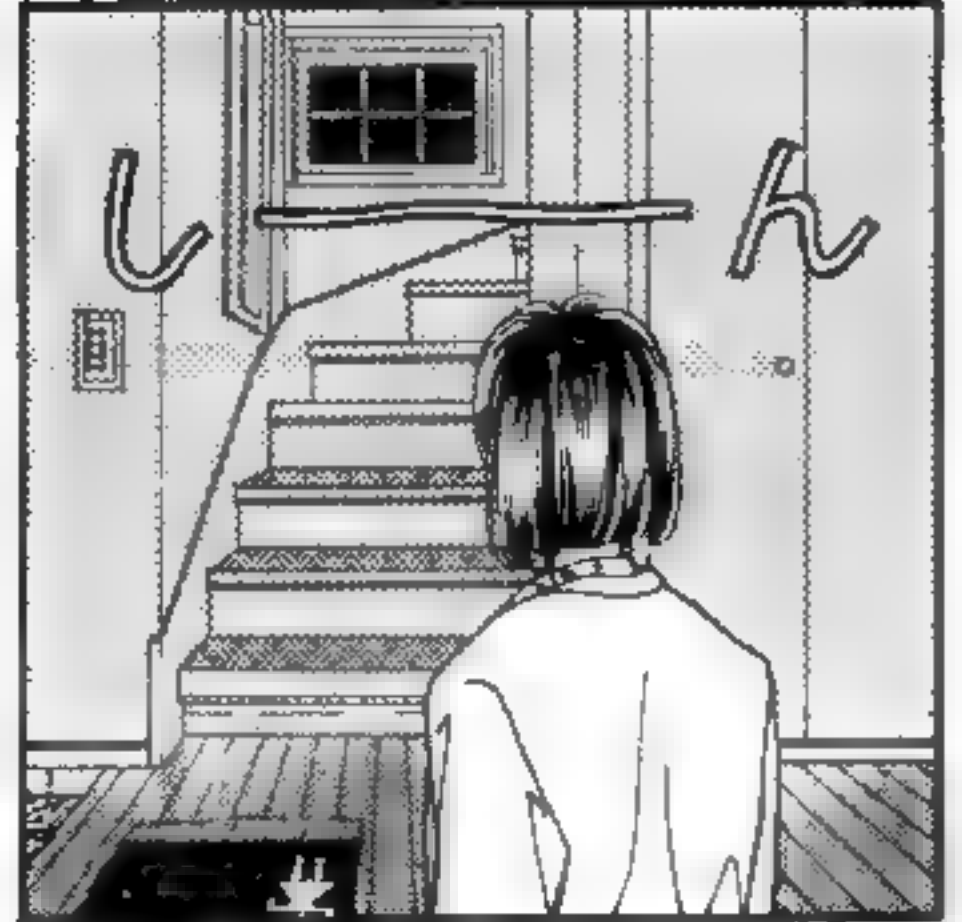




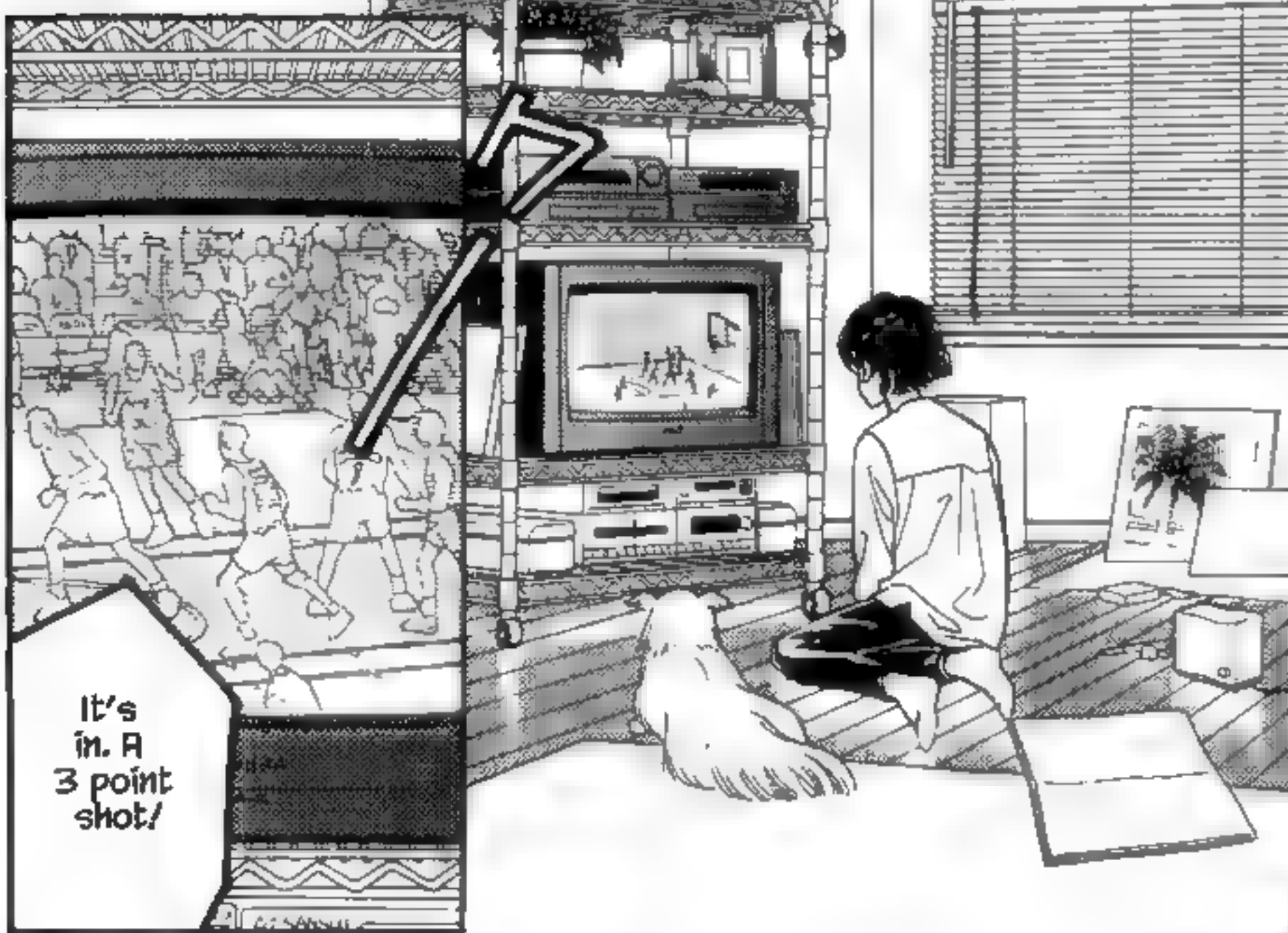




Sfx: Quiet



Sfx: Wow~



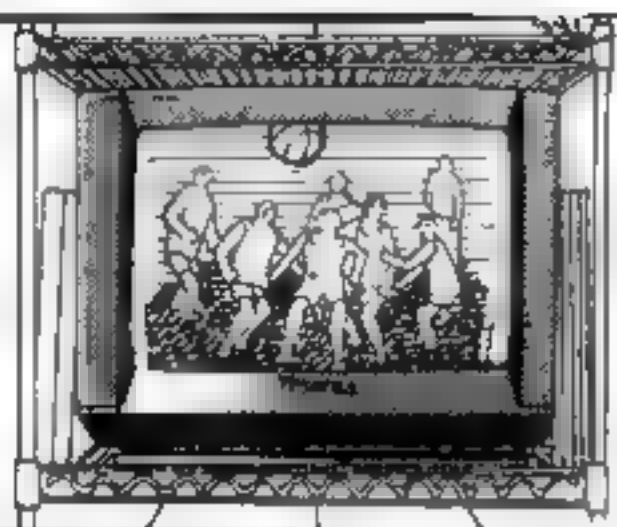
Sfx: Look



Sfx: Bang



When I watch  
a TV game,  
There are so many  
things I don't  
understand.



They sweat  
so much,  
they scream  
so much...



It's so  
cool.

Ama-  
zing!



They jump like  
superhumans...

The screams of  
the spectators  
are shaking  
the stadium.



Yes,

This  
one  
will go  
in.



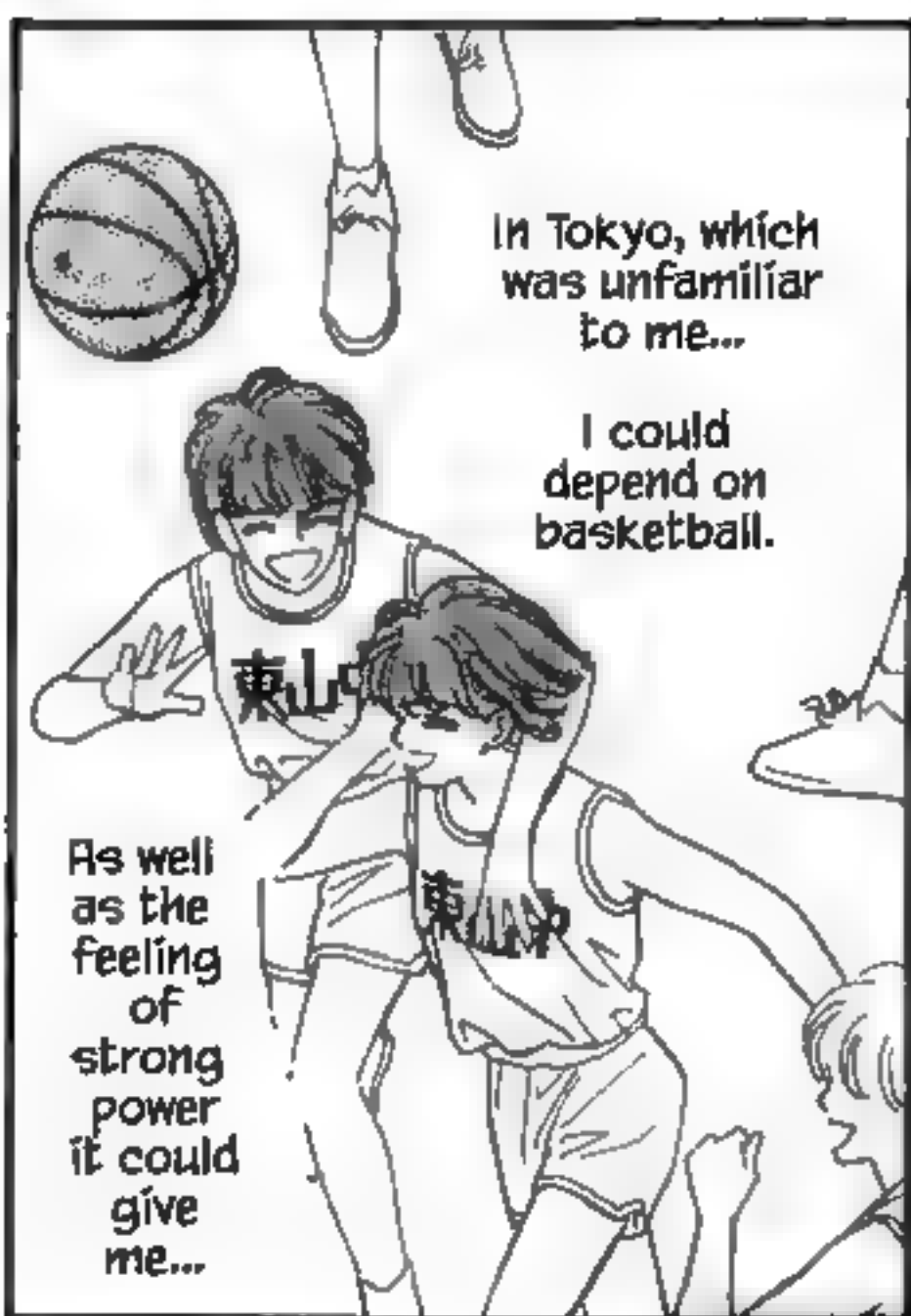
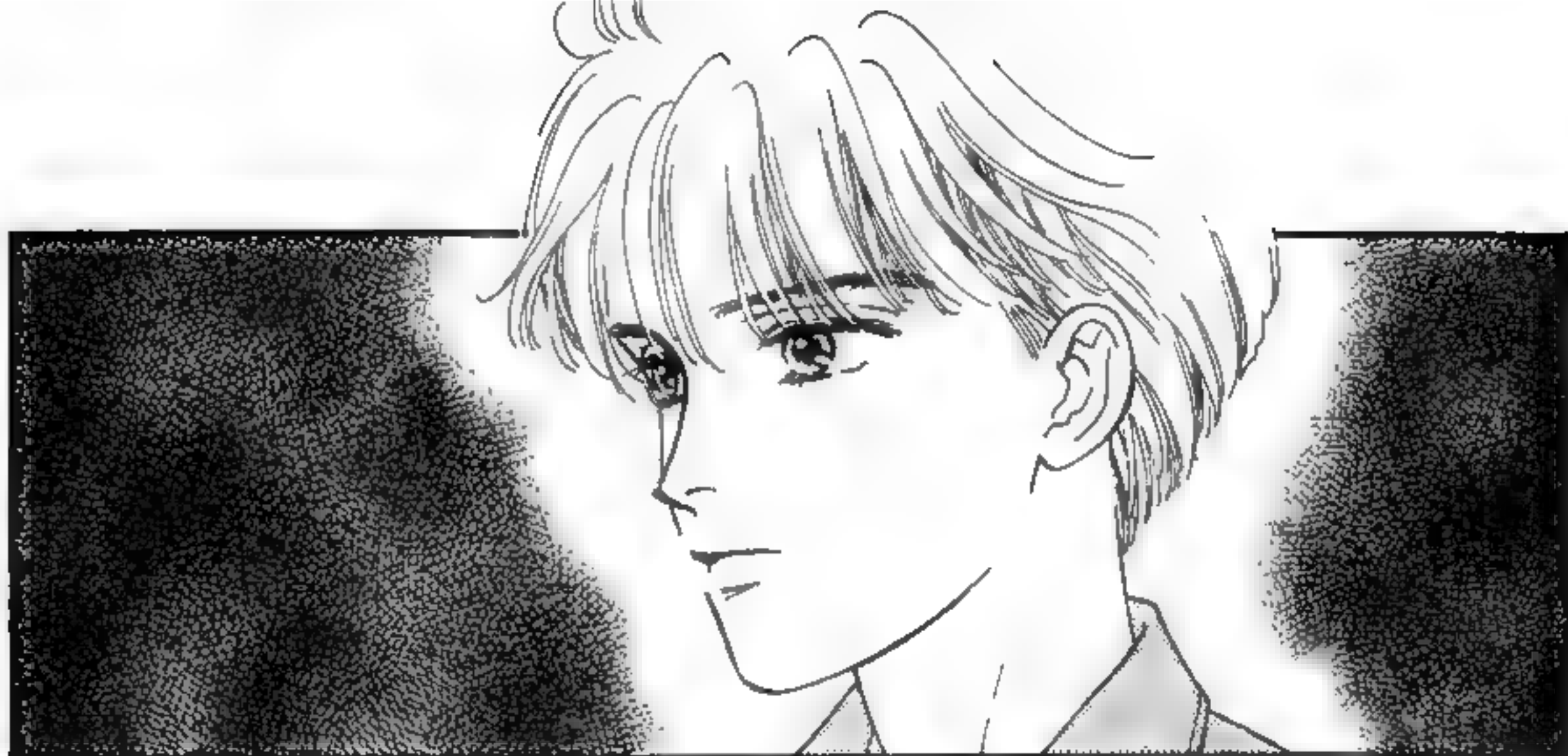
It  
counts  
!

And  
...

It  
went in.  
It went in!





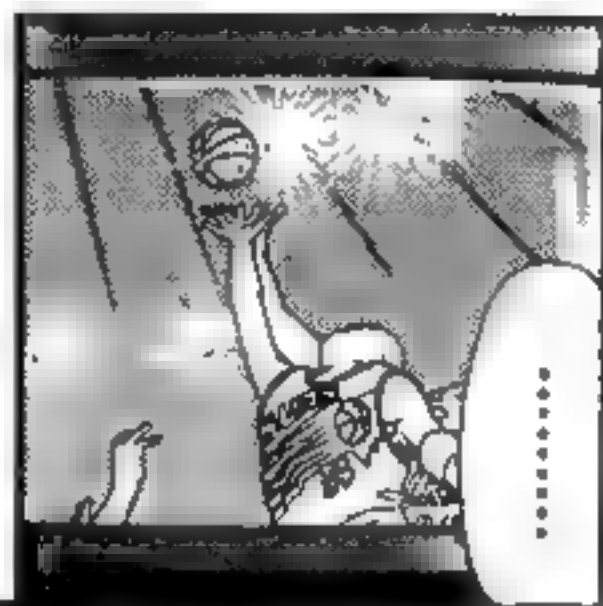


In Tokyo, which  
was unfamiliar  
to me...

I could  
depend on  
basketball.

As well  
as the  
feeling  
of  
strong  
power  
it could  
give  
me...

I'm  
going  
outside  
for a  
moment.



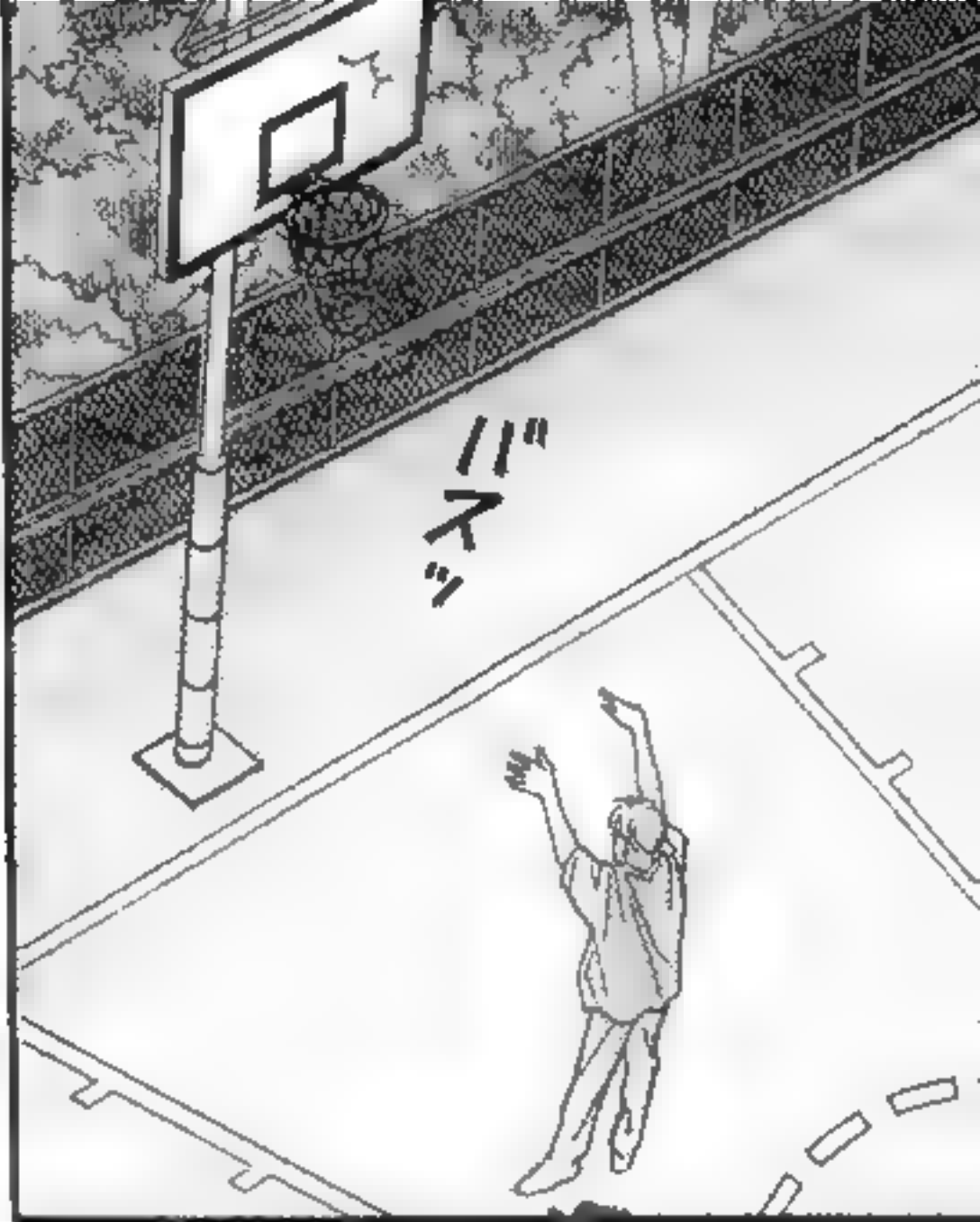
I  
wanted  
you to  
feel  
that  
way  
too.

Mi-  
chael,



Sfx:  
Bang  
Bang





Sfx: Slap



Shocked

Now Michael isn't here.

I think he just needs time.





I  
thought  
about  
it...



It has  
been  
a week  
since I  
met  
him.

...I'm  
not  
sure  
but,

Ah,

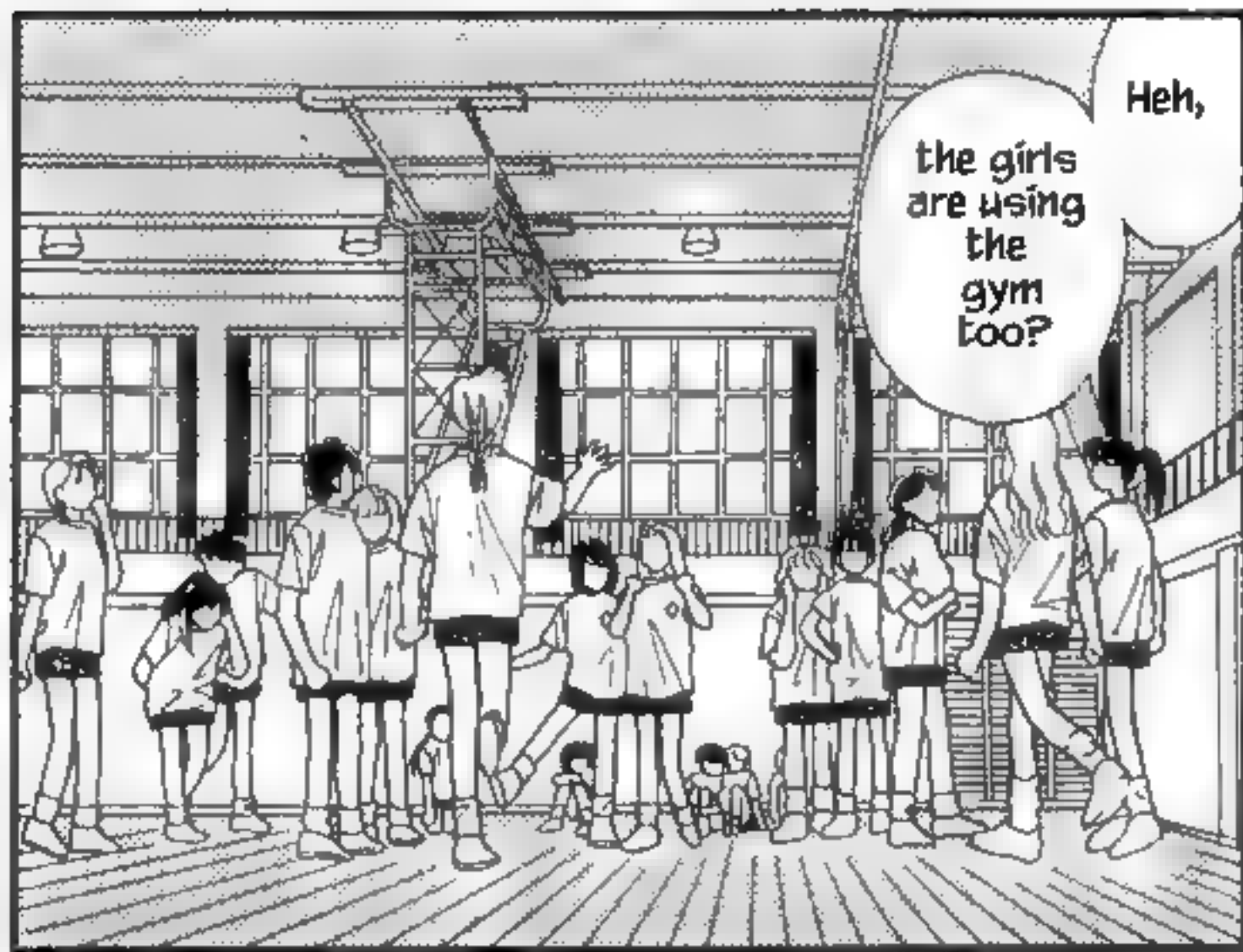


So he  
can't  
fit in  
easily  
with  
the  
others.

Maybe  
Michael is  
very  
indivi-  
dualistic?

Is that  
the  
kind of  
feeling  
you got  
from  
him?

Osawa is in the next class!

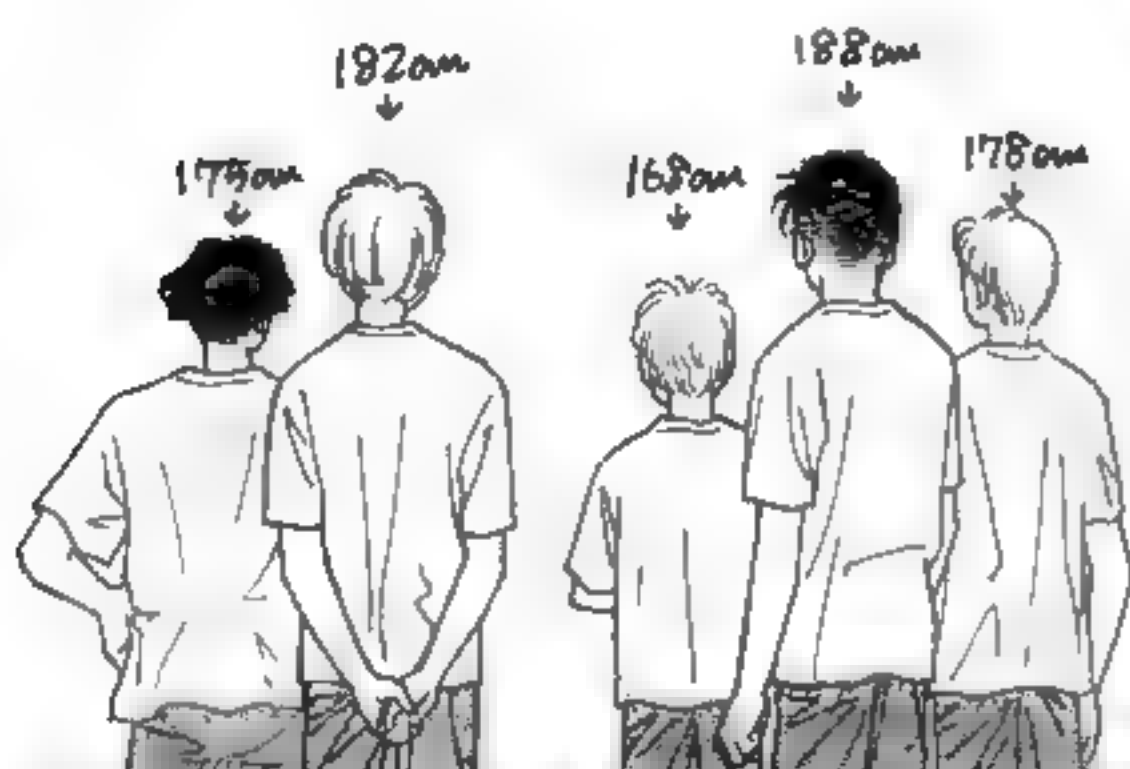






The point guard is the leader of the team. Usually small people do it.

But the other positions are good for tall people.

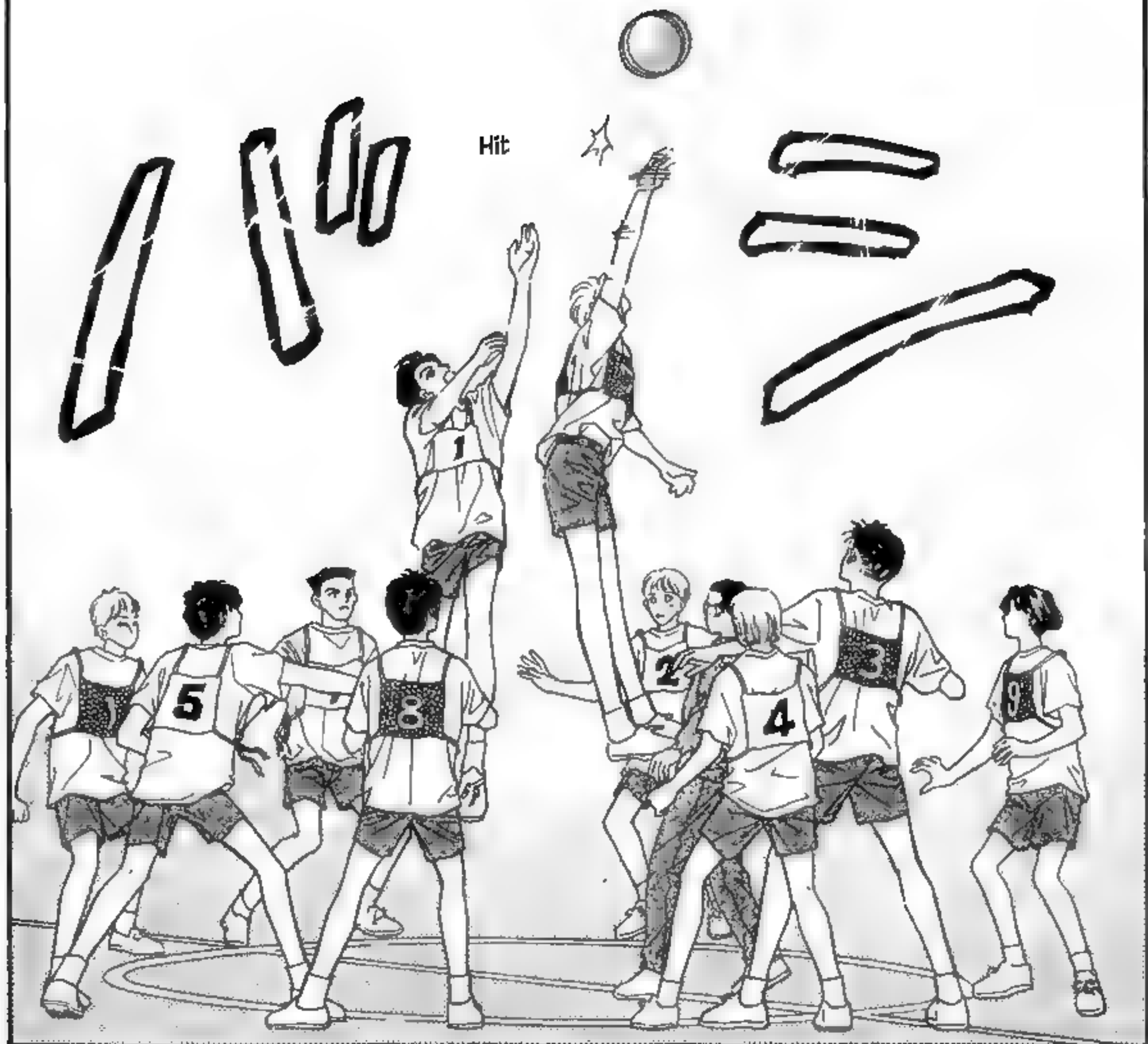


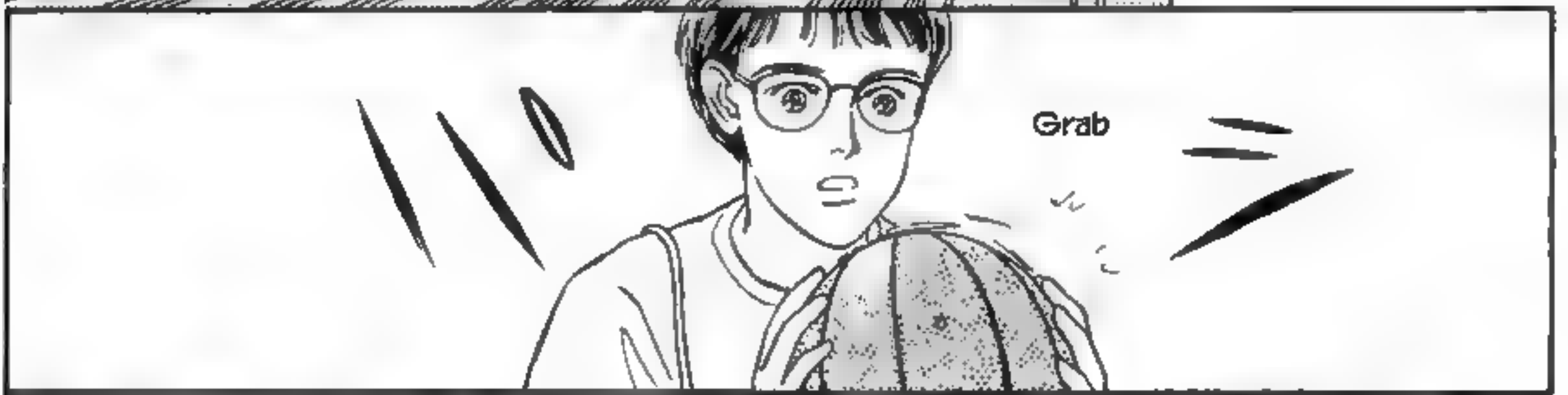
Sfx: Smile







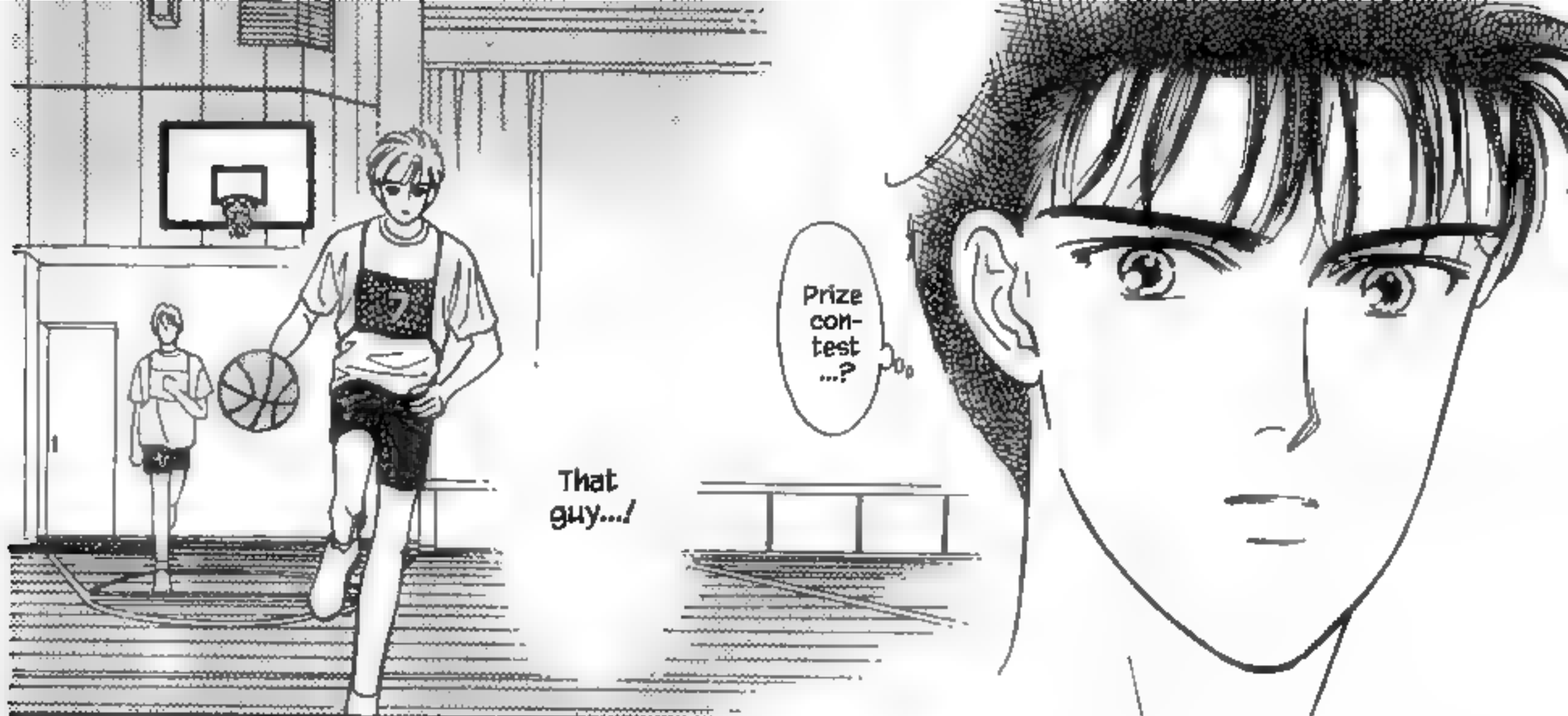




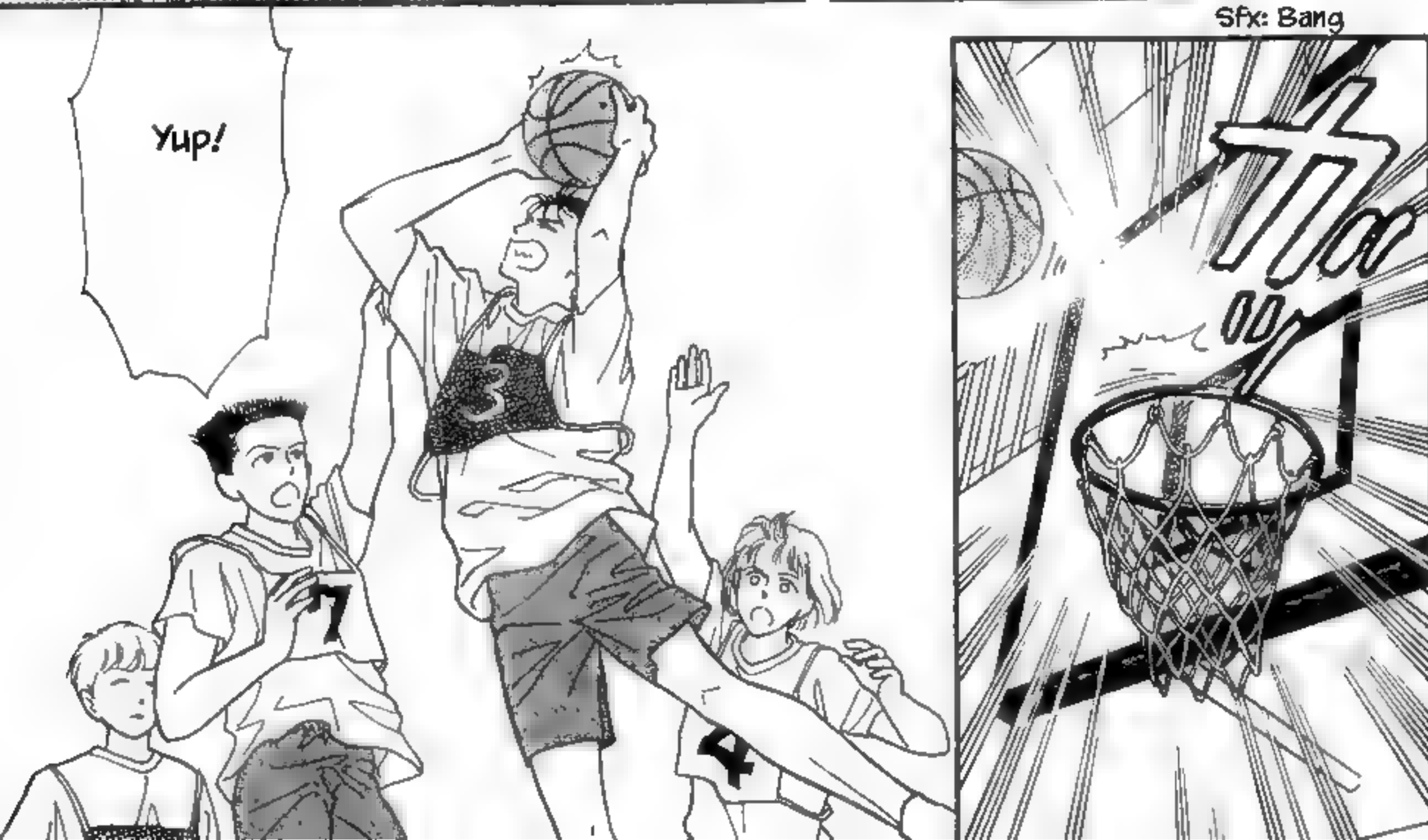


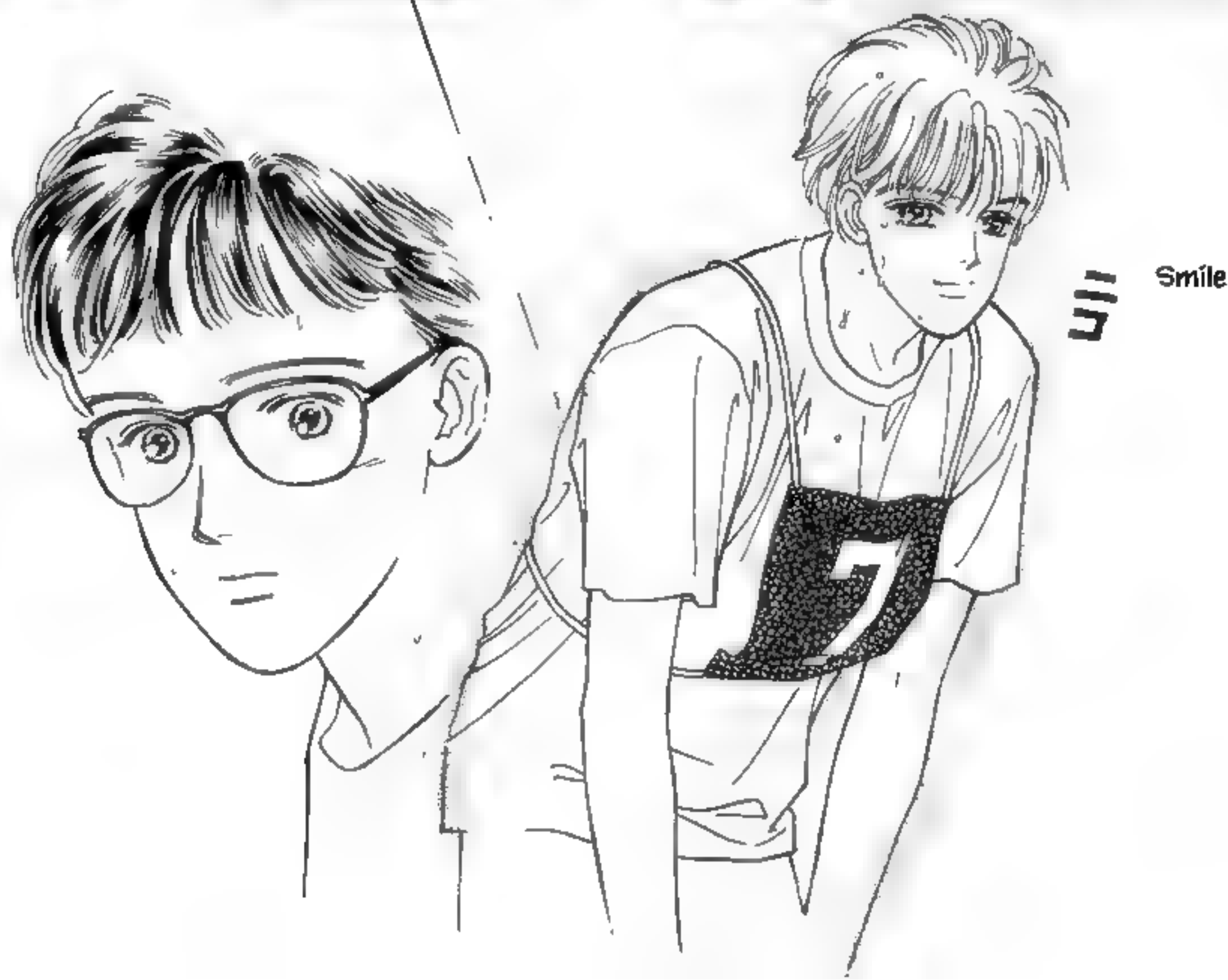
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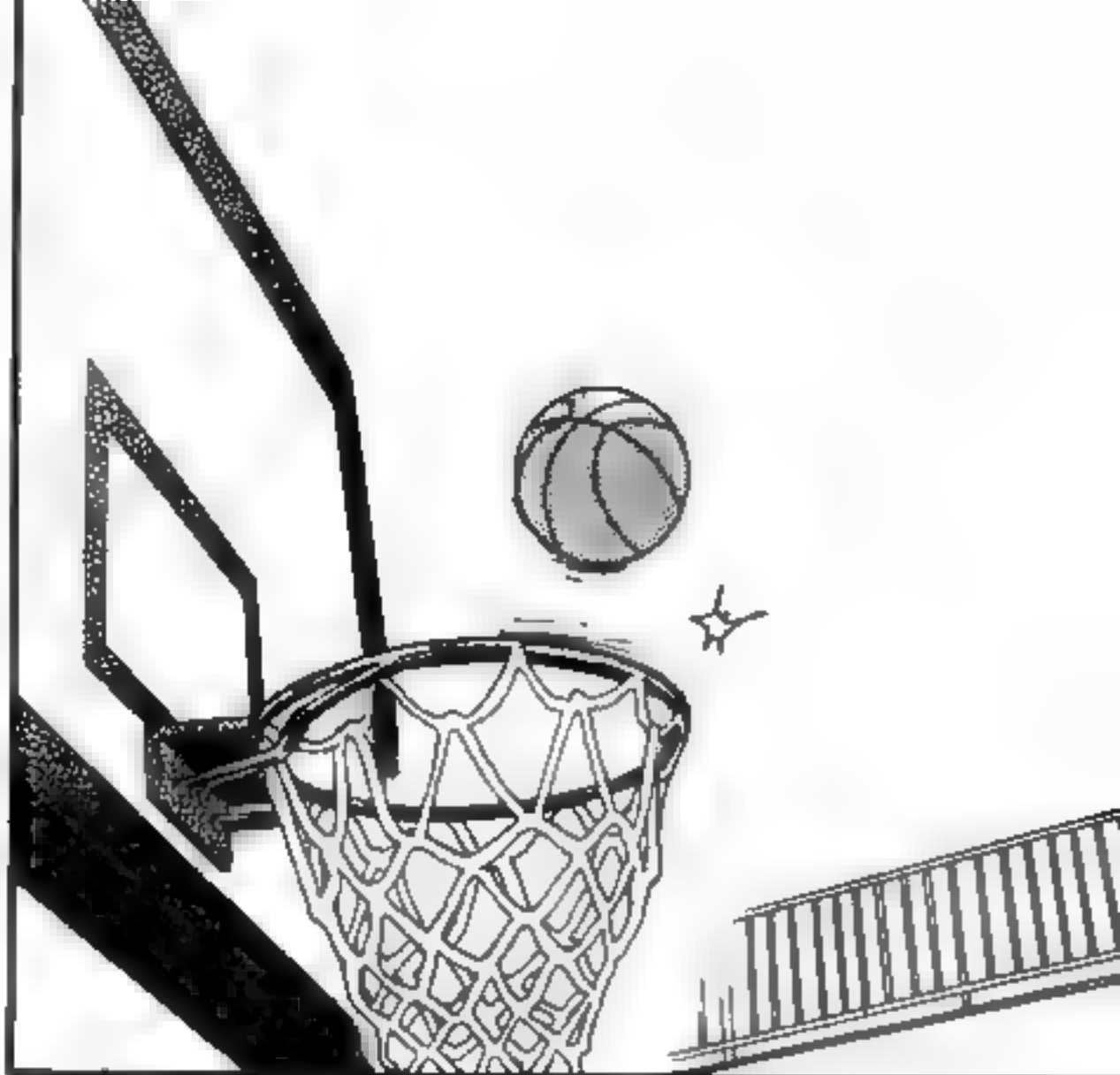
















You,

What  
kind  
of guy  
are  
you?!









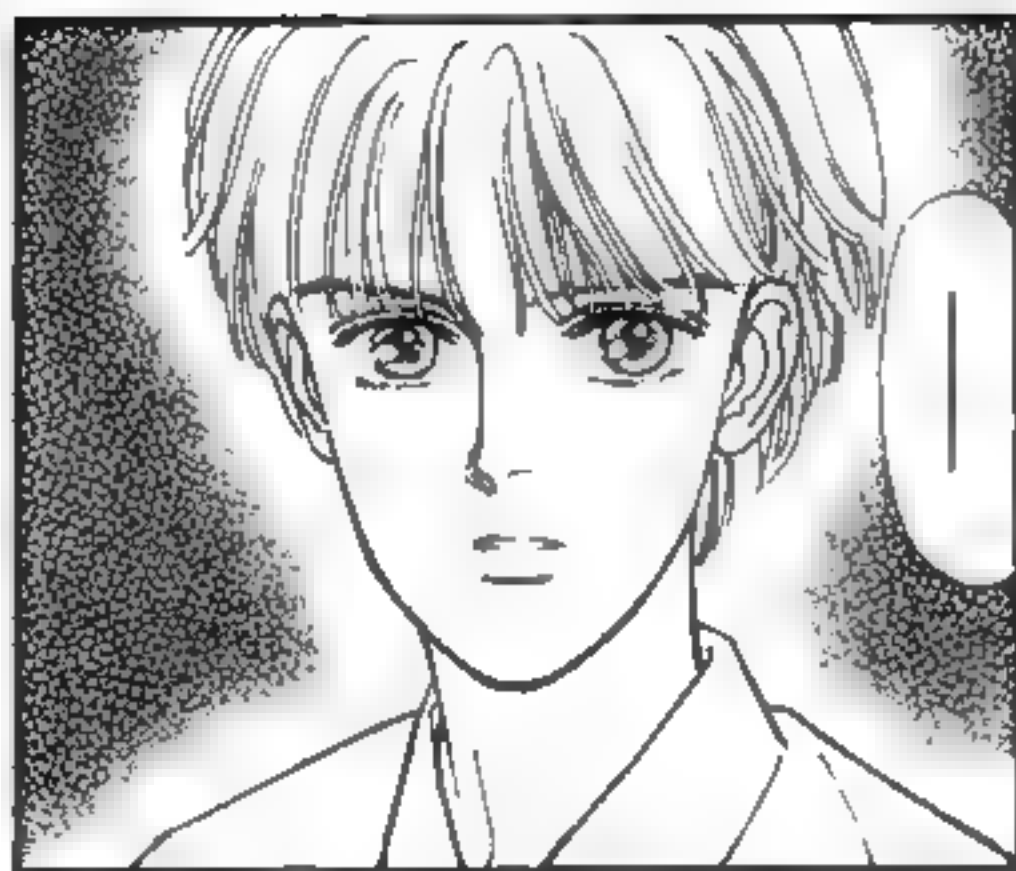


Archery.

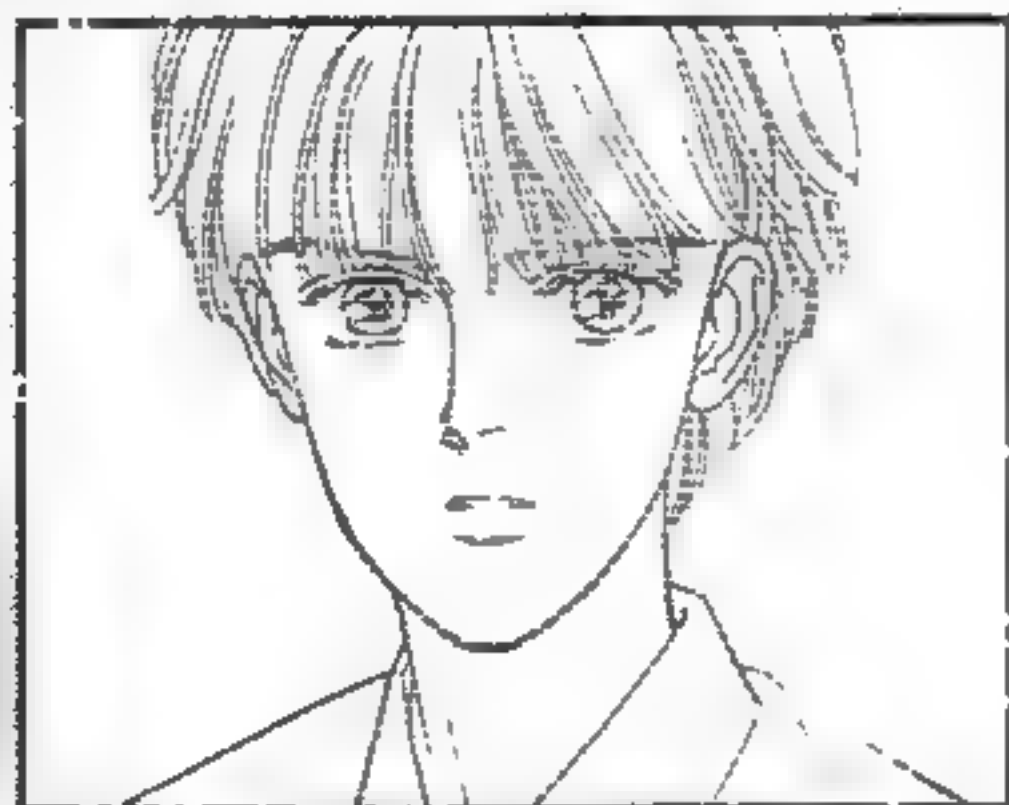














Sfx: Startled





Bang

アム  
ハシム

HEY

GET YO ARM  
OUT MA FACE

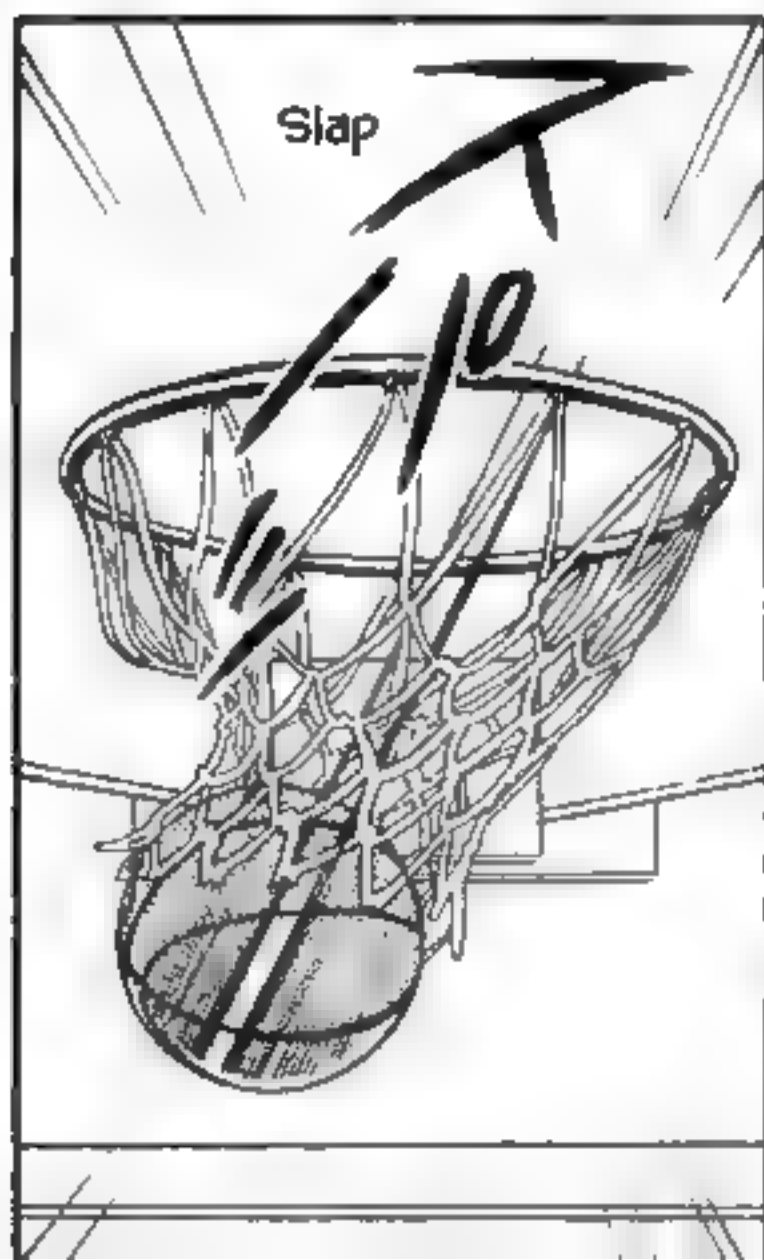
Oh,

It's a  
2v2  
with  
people  
from  
many  
natio-  
nalities.

Ah.

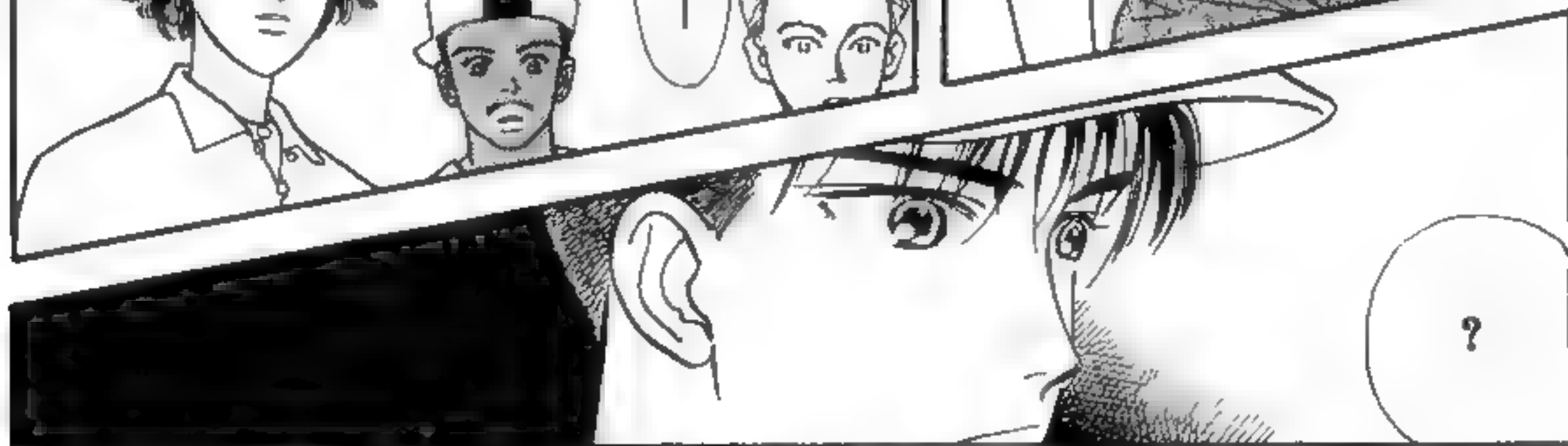


Sfx: Throw

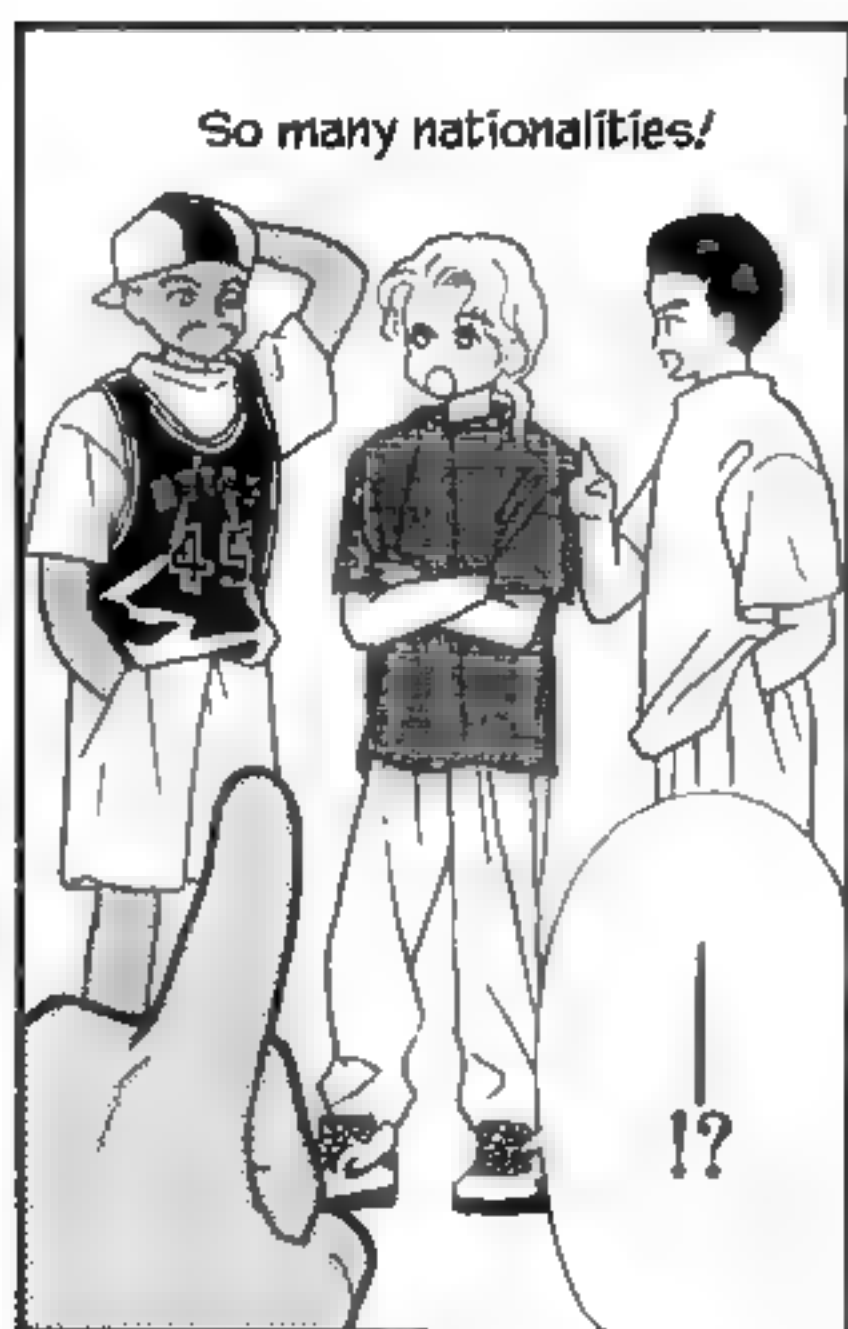












So many nationalities!

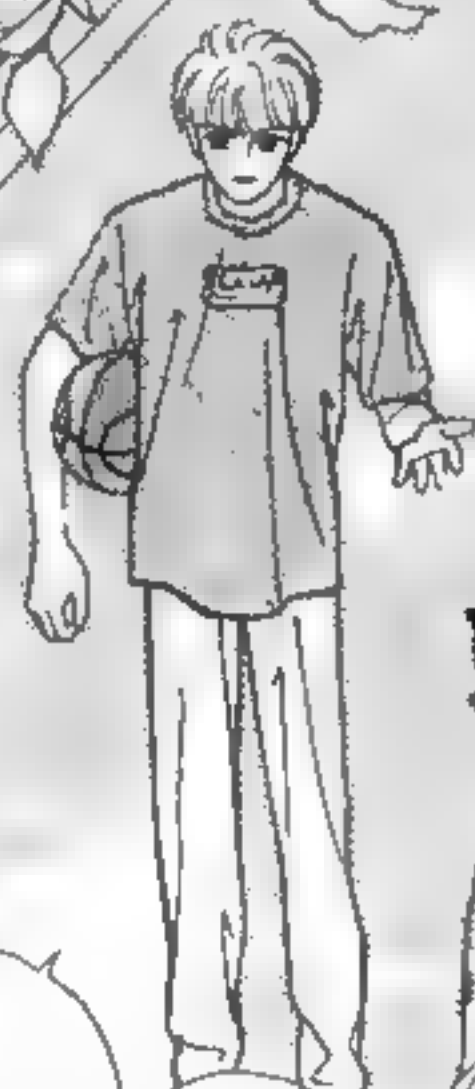
!?

Heh,



They are  
all my  
middle  
school  
friends!

This is  
Vernon  
Junior.



He is  
called  
Dou-  
moto!



Are  
you of  
mixed  
blood?

Huh/?  
Why?

Ah,

I went to an  
international  
school.



Ho  
oh!

I  
see,

But  
his  
face  
is...



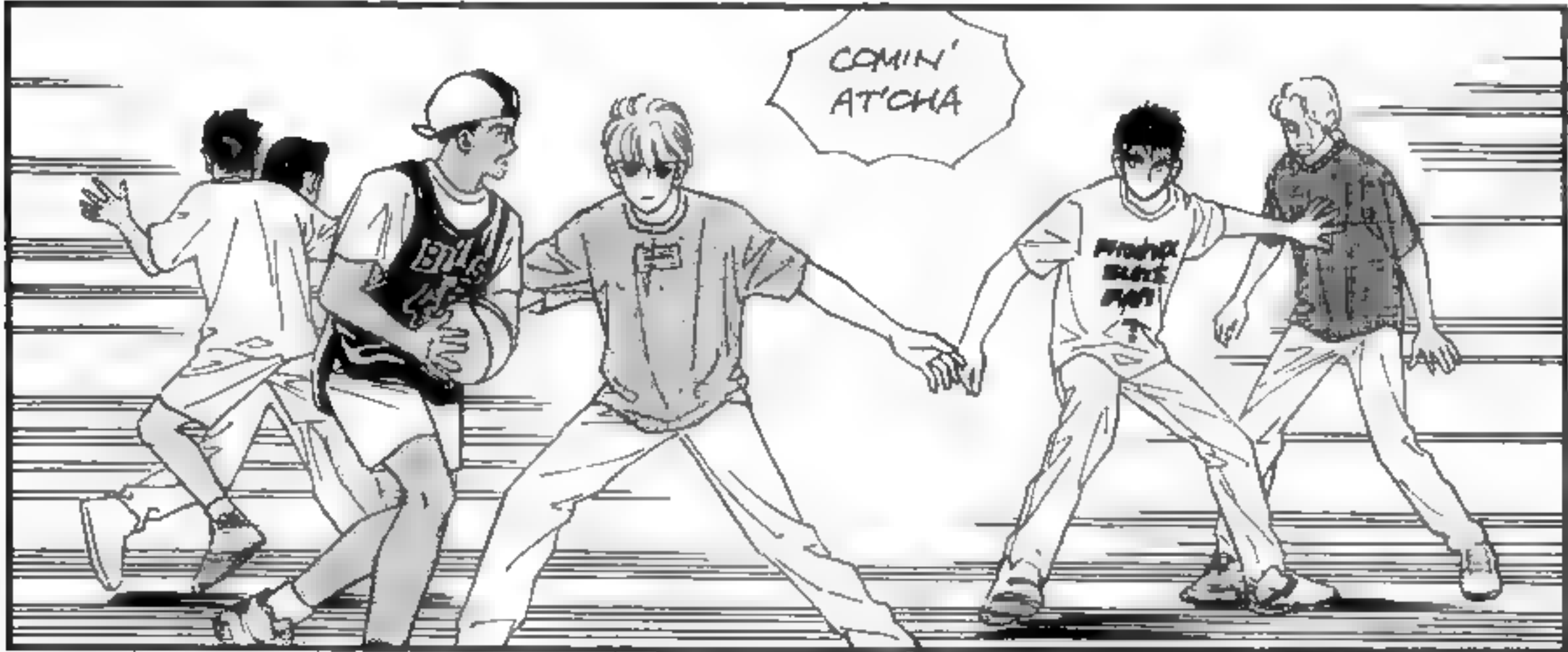
わはは

You  
didn't tell  
him  
anything,  
Michael!

He is Peruvian!  
He came here  
when he was  
9 years old!









This isn't a joke!



Sfx:  
Bump

Fade way!





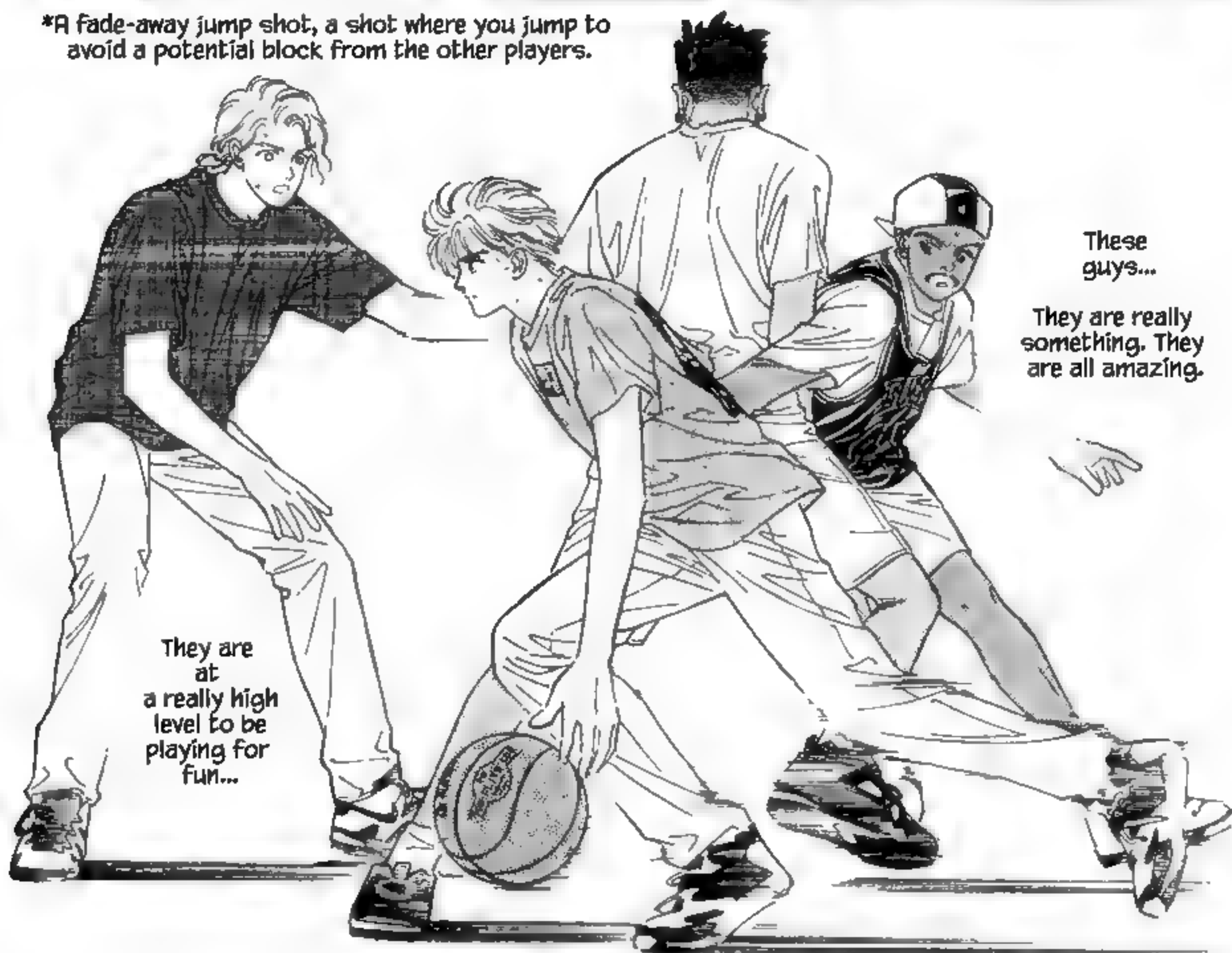


Move

Yes!

Dou-moto!

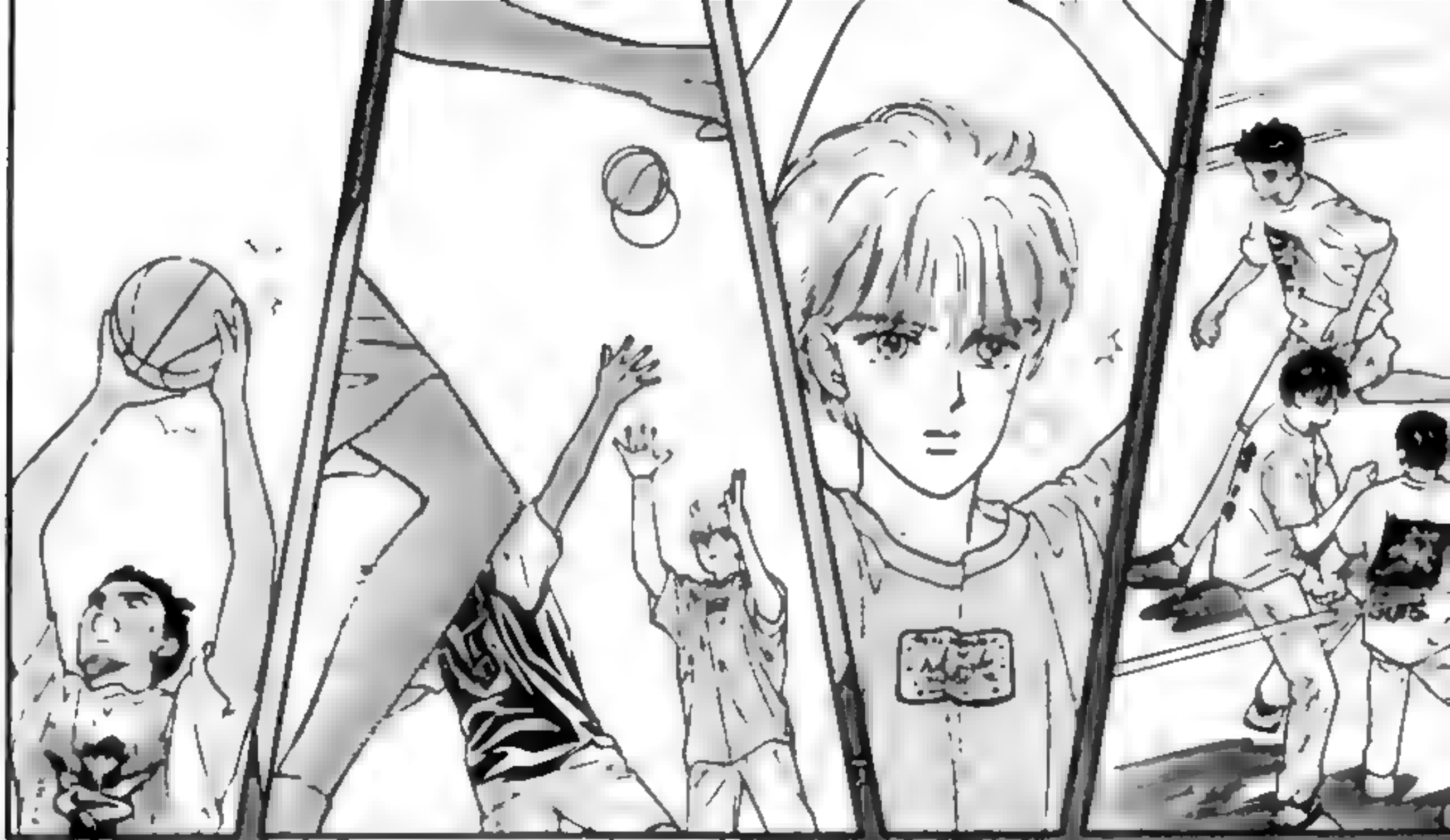
\*A fade-away jump shot, a shot where you jump to avoid a potential block from the other players.



These guys...

They are really something. They are all amazing.

They are at a really high level to be playing for fun...





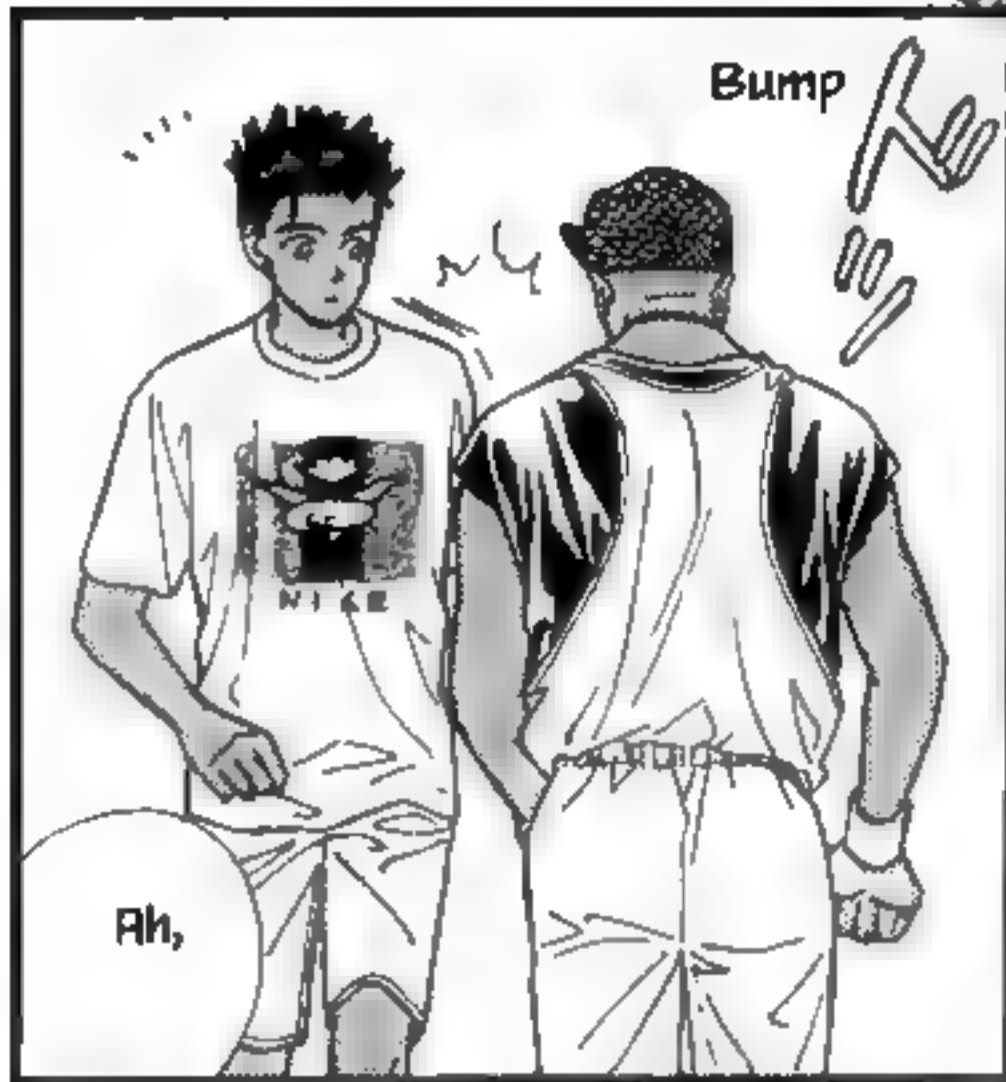
A side character  
who is appearing more...

Dou-  
moto.



I still love the NBA so much, but sadly it is off-season right now. Charles Barkley continues to be silent on whether he will continue to play or whether he will just retire. And so I have a lot of free time as an NBA fan. So I should read more books or listen to music a lot for my free time. I really like Beack Milfe!





Sfx: Hit



Who will touch it, idiot?!

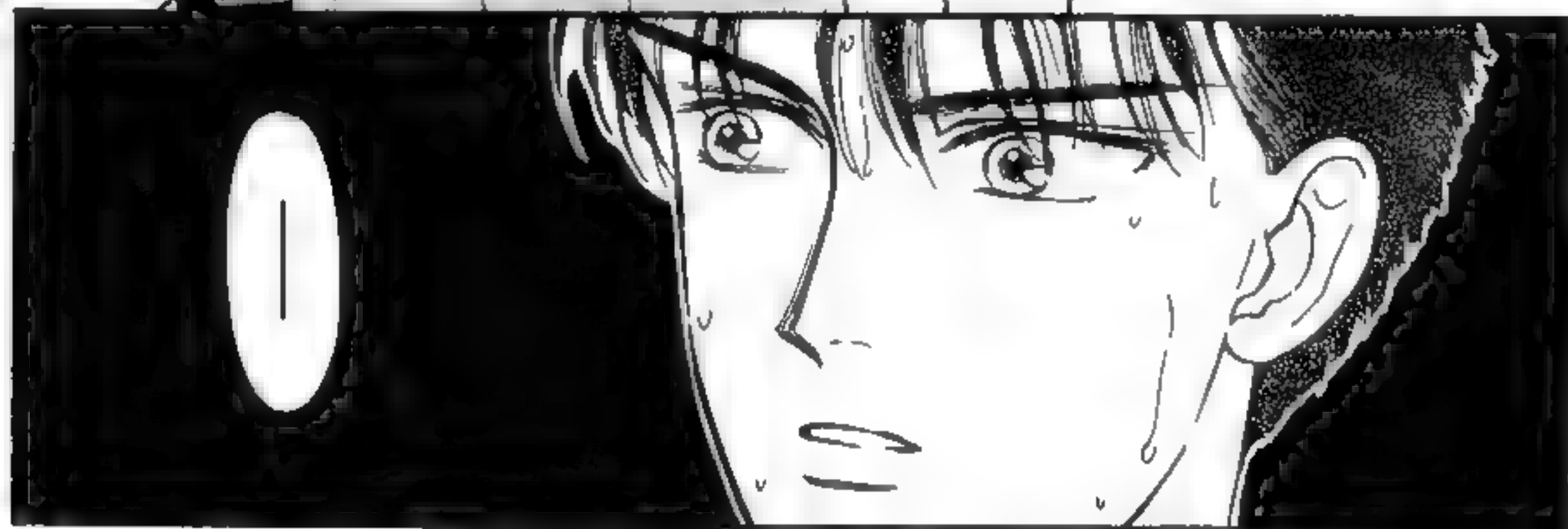


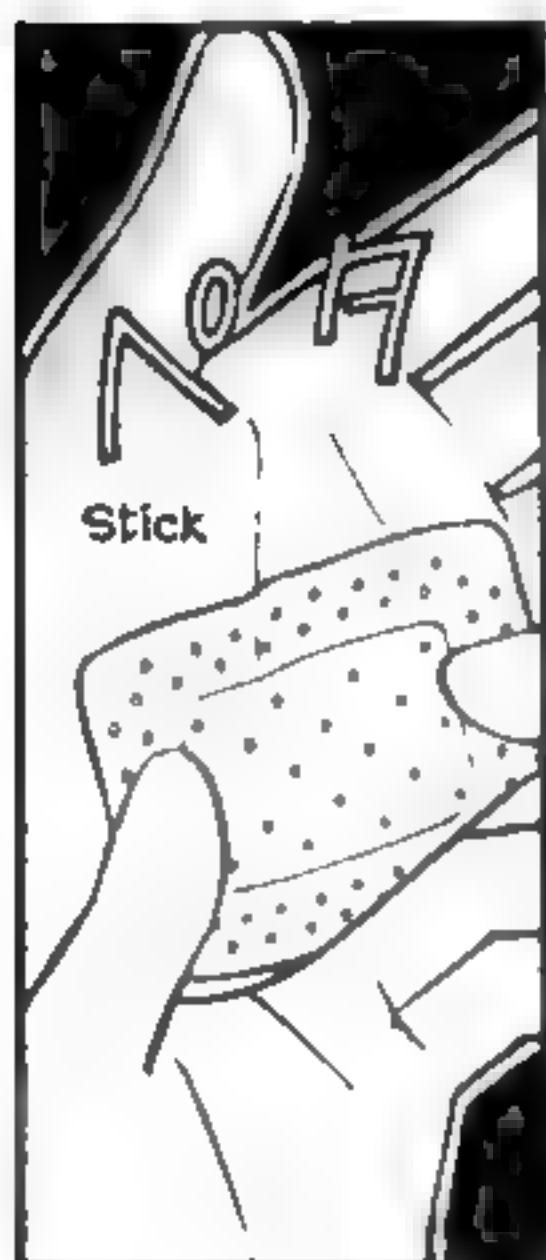
I think they are at a very low level.

No ...



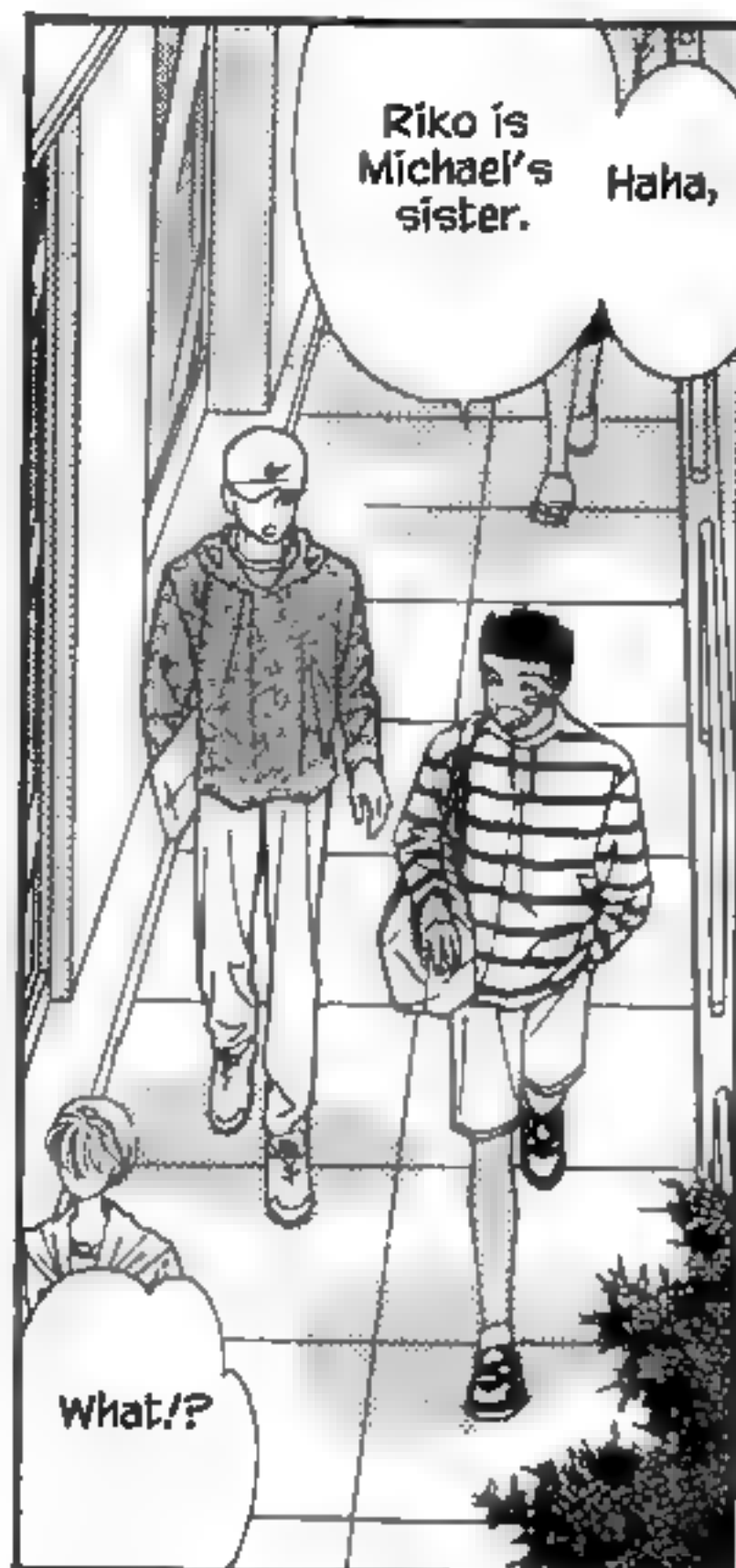




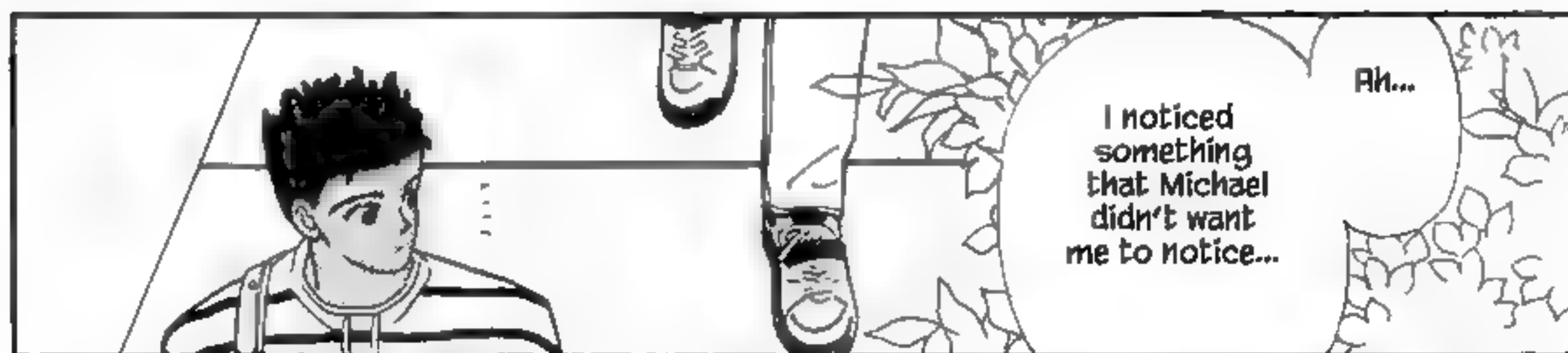


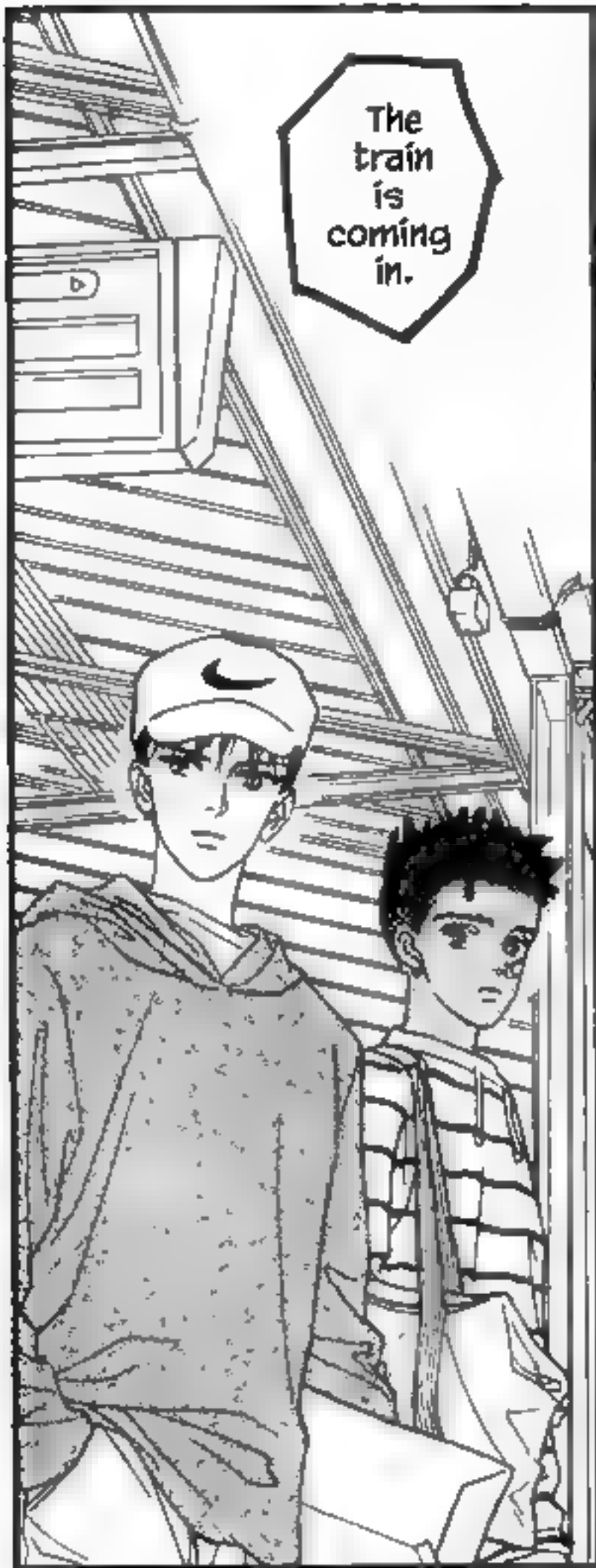












The train is coming in.



I don't know,

But try to convince him. Just act nicely to him.



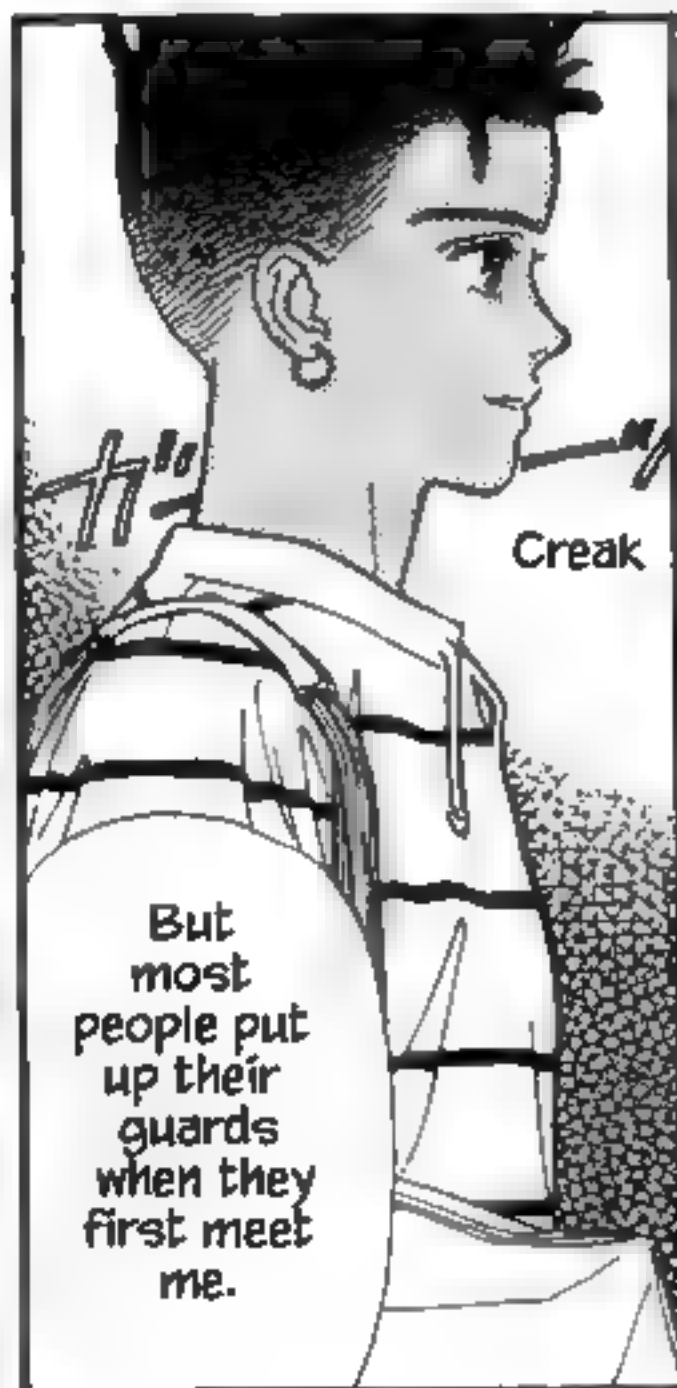
It's not like he doesn't want to do it.



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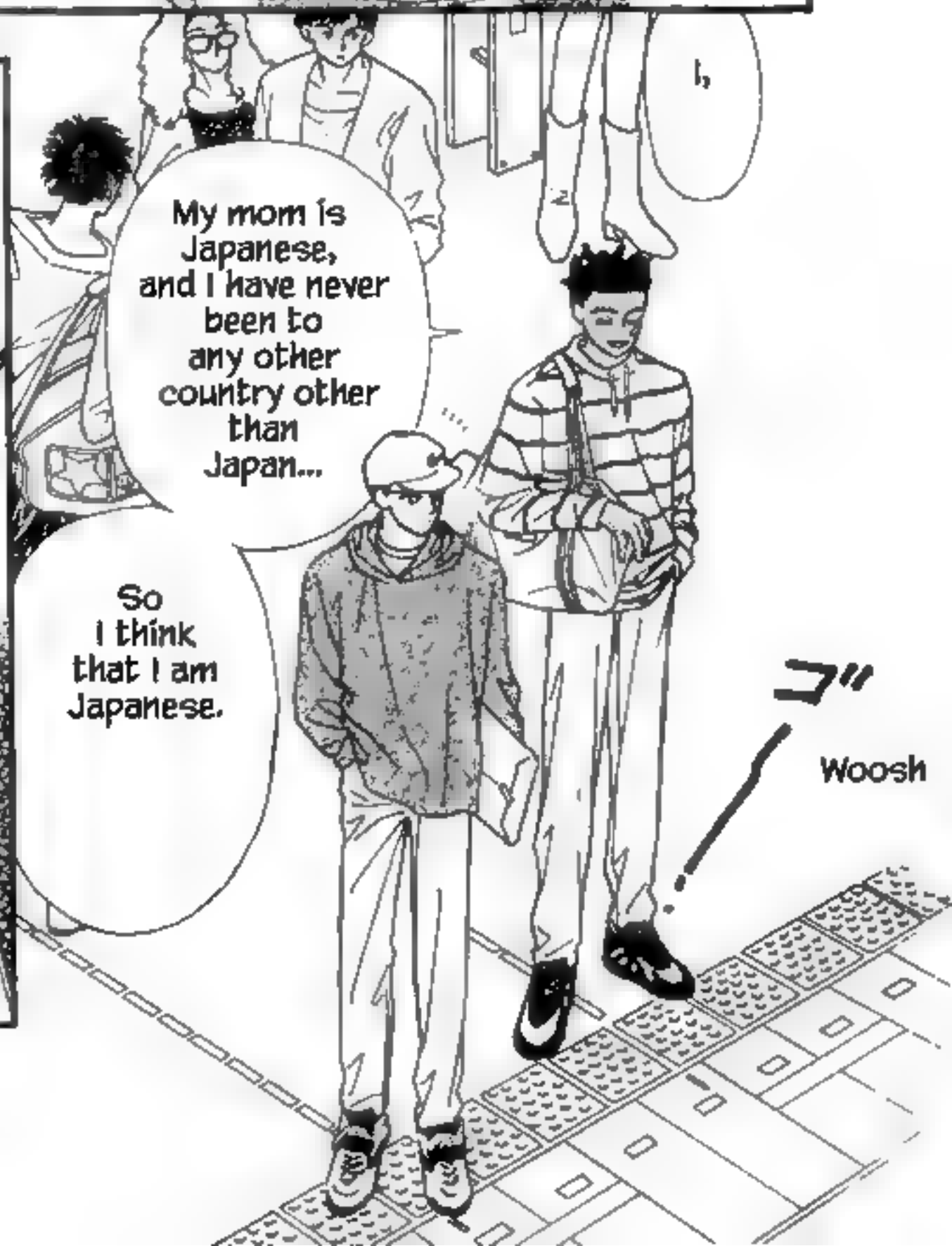
Huh?

Woosh



Creak

But most people put up their guards when they first meet me.



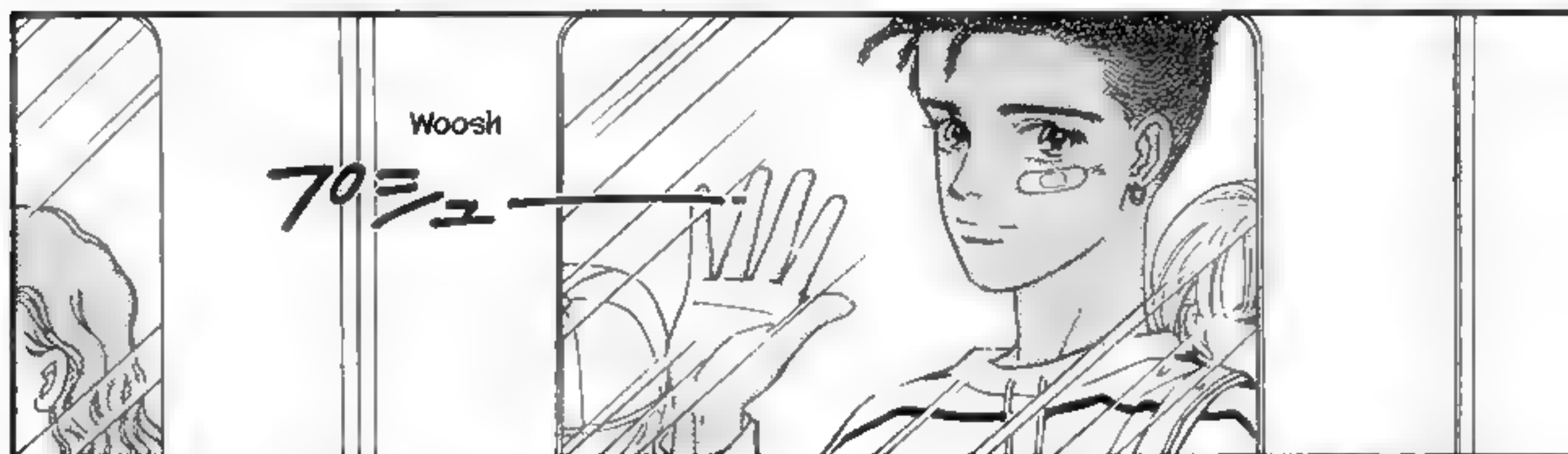
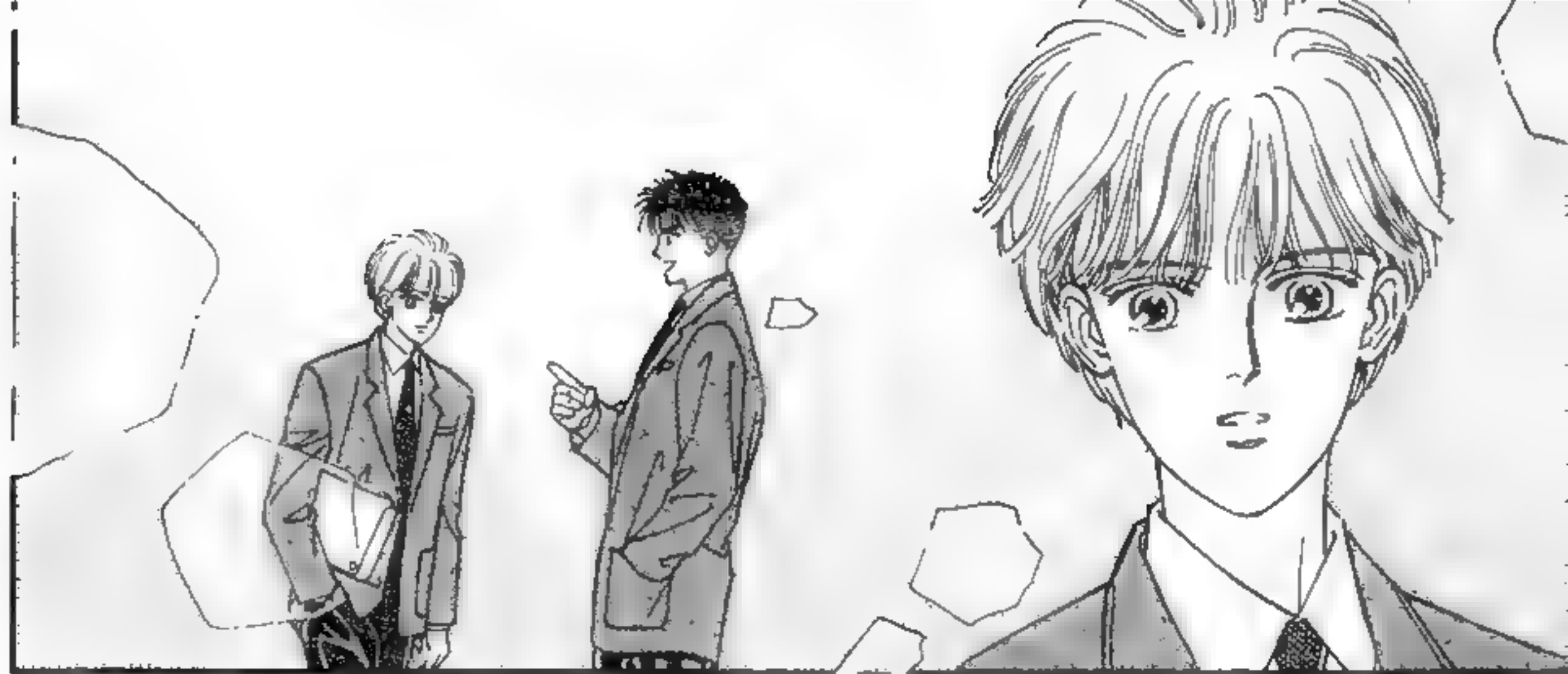
My mom is Japanese, and I have never been to any other country other than Japan...

So I think that I am Japanese.

Woosh



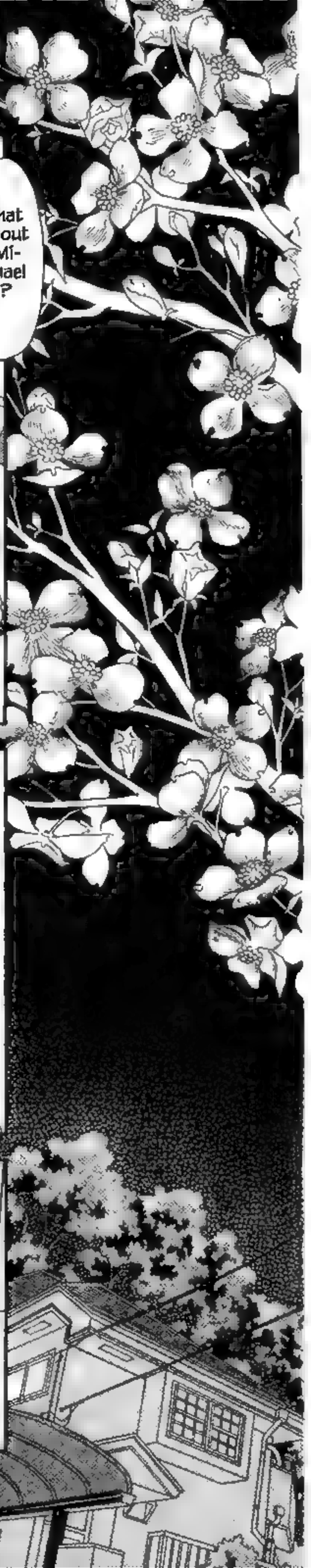
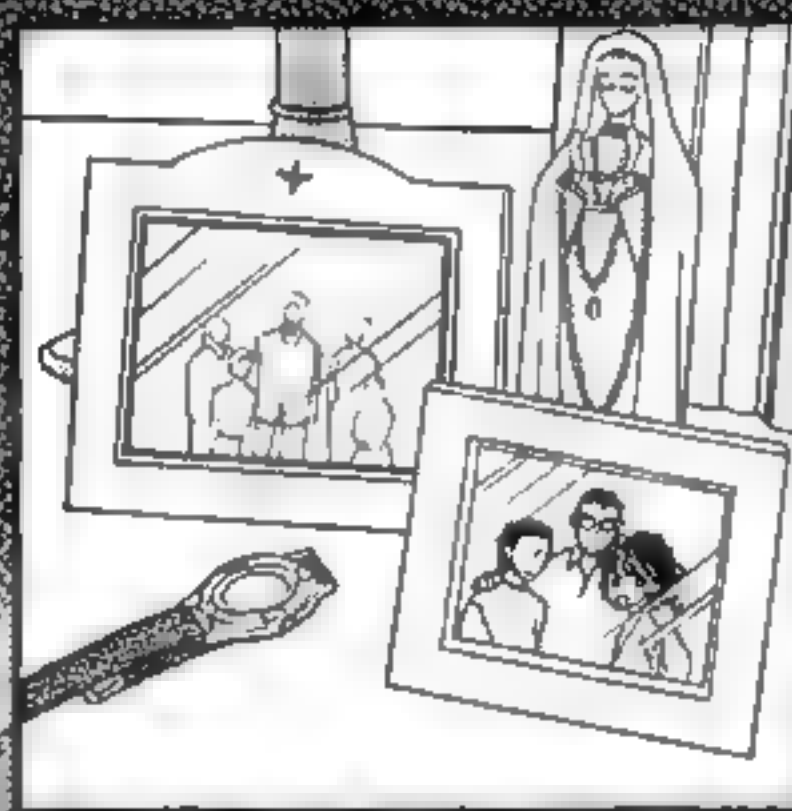




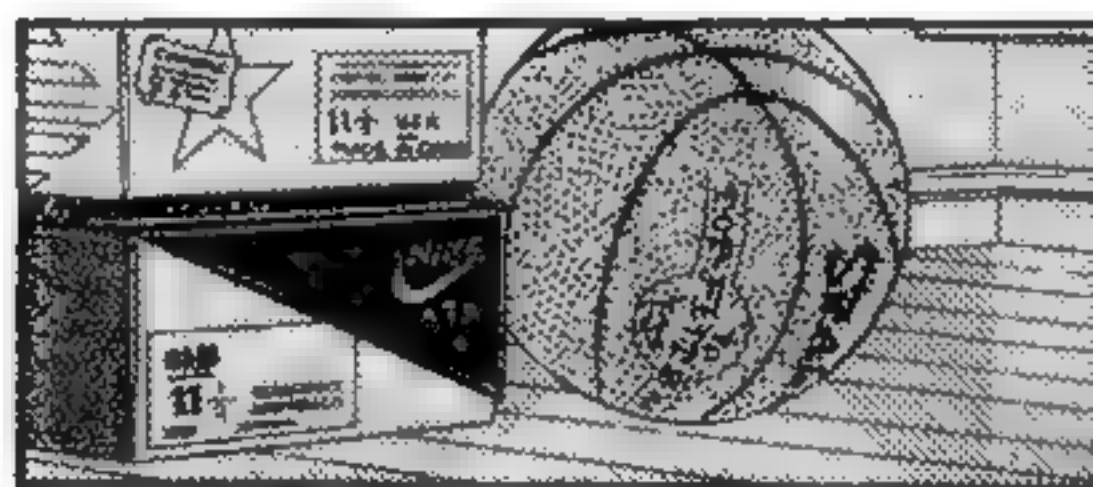
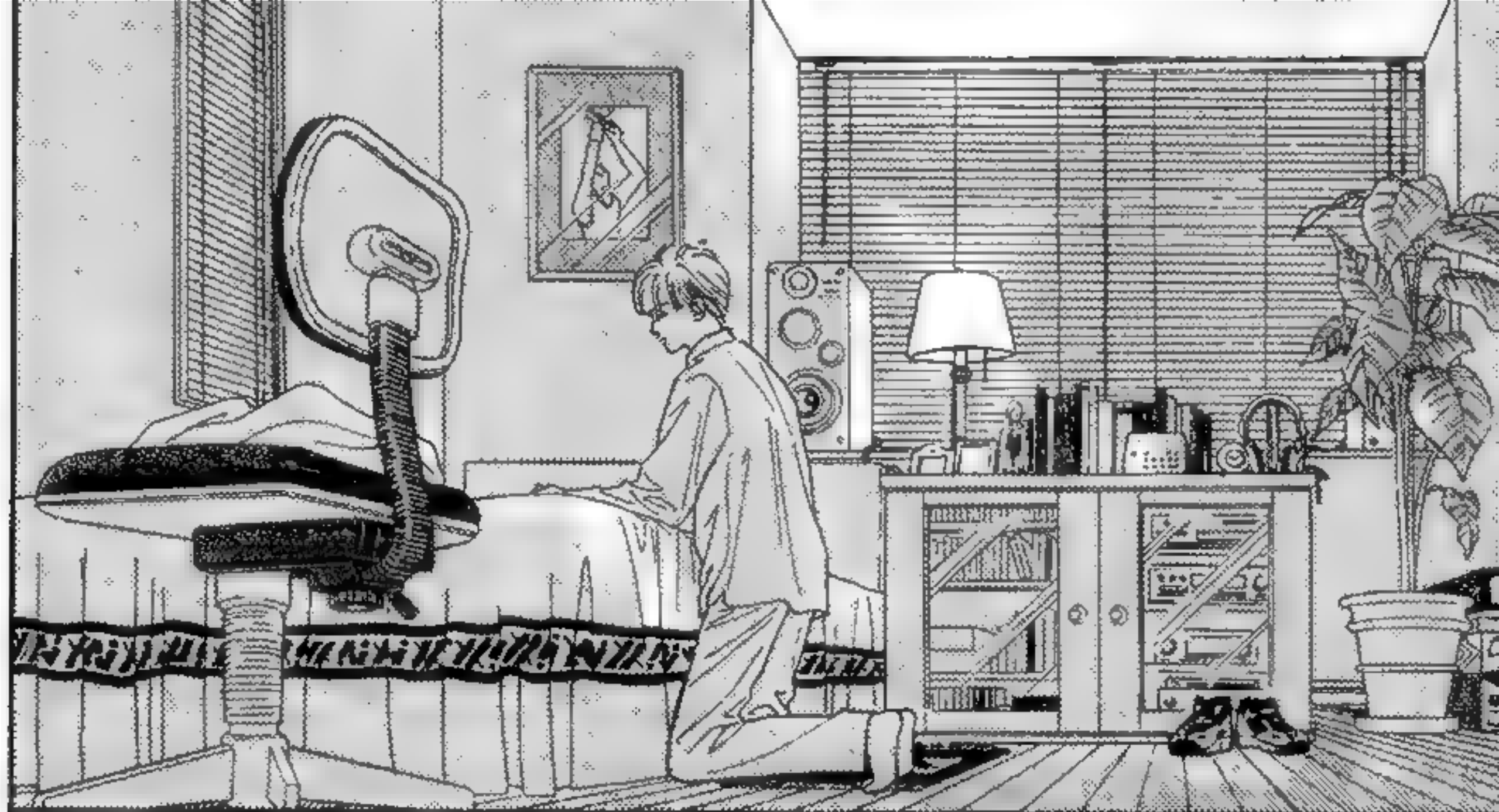




What about Michael?







Rah,  
Michael!

Of  
course  
I know.

It's  
not like he  
doesn't want  
to do it.







Yes!/?



I taught him basketball.

How do you know Michael?

Yes ?!



Heh-!



Michael's sister is my brother's classmate.

And my brother was a member of basketball club.



The girls asked me so much about him...

Aah, was that him?

I, I see...



At PE class before...

He made a dunk shot!



Did he keep playing?

I didn't keep in touch with him after he started middle school,

want to  
make him  
join our  
club?

Don't  
you,

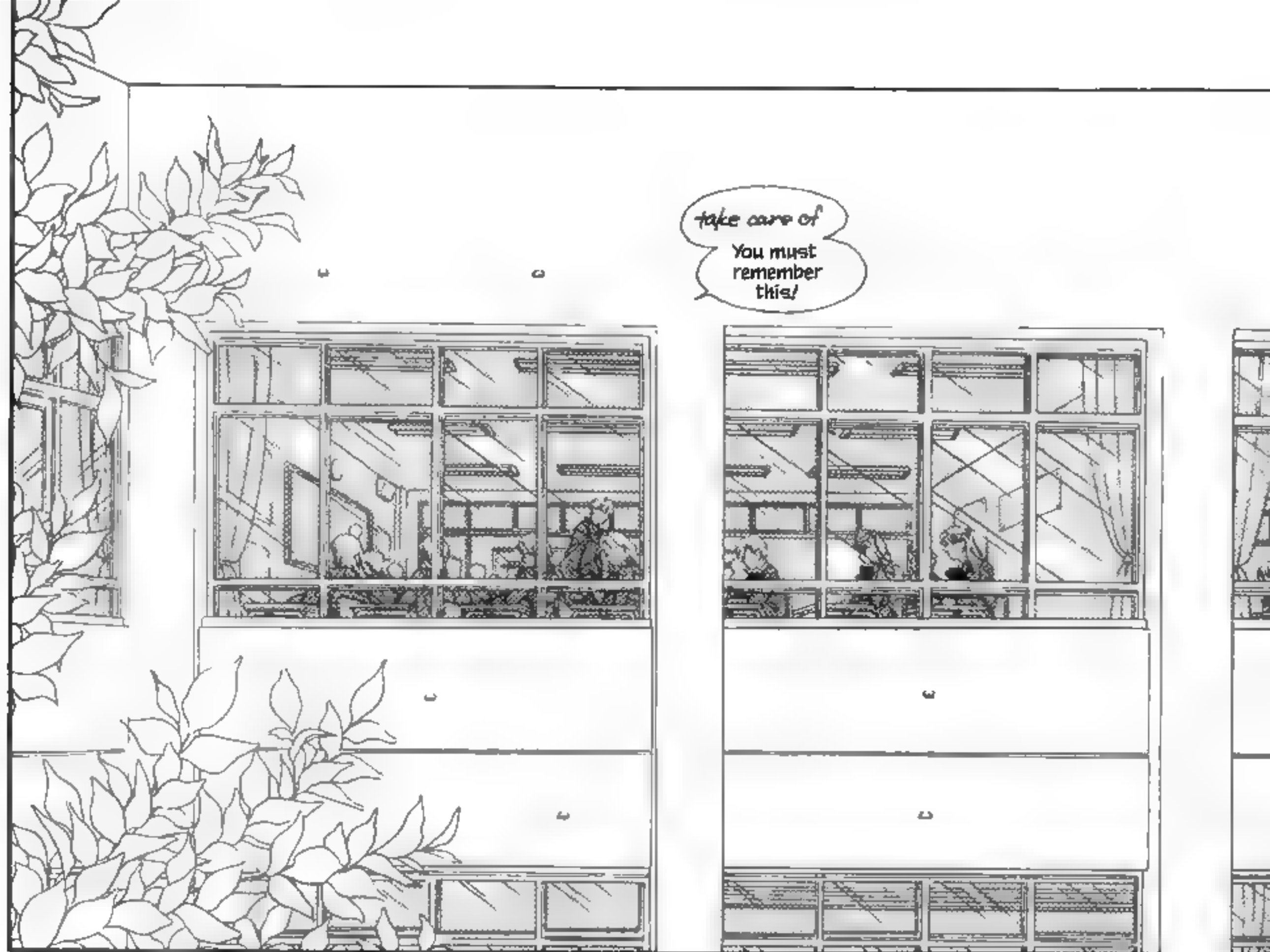
I don't  
know why,

I will  
try to  
convince  
him  
too!











Sfx: Chatter



The student from the international school...

Aah, it's you?

Yes.



As I thought,

I don't even know which part he read ...



As I thought.

It is Michael, teacher!



Your name is Sannomaru, so I didn't know.

Migel Sannomaru?



He looks like mixed blood!

Sannomaru is a foreigner?

Eh~

Heh, come to think of it...



Sfx:  
Ring



I was happy  
because you  
spoke to  
me like  
it was  
nothing.



'A  
forei-  
gner'!



Sanno-  
maru,

Do you  
have time  
next  
Sunday?

Huh?



Do you  
want  
to play  
together  
if it's  
okay?

My senior  
will let us  
borrow an  
indoor  
court.



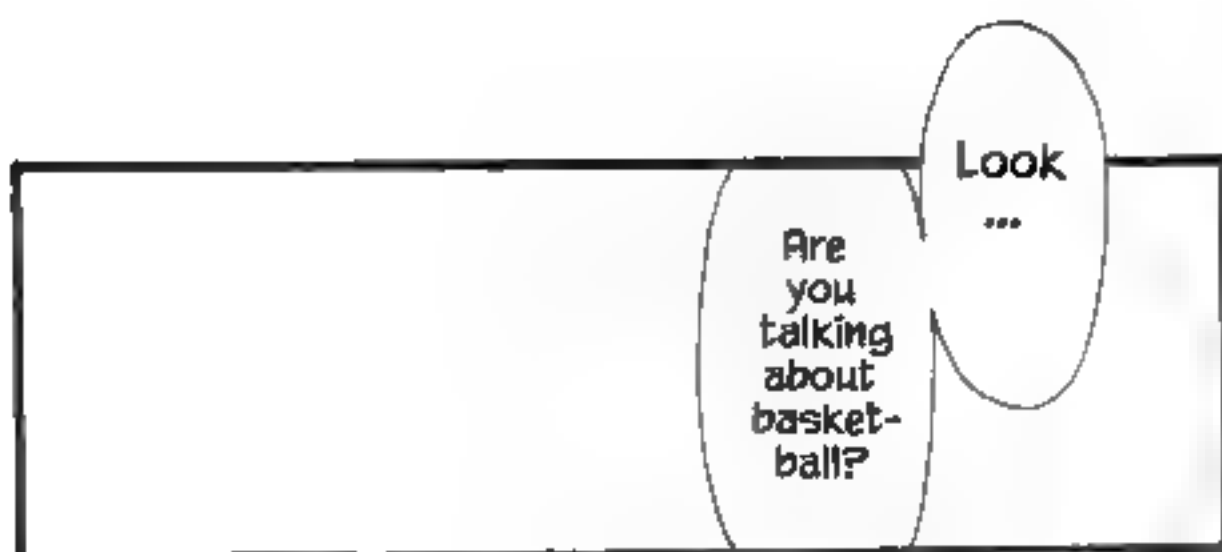
The  
girls  
should  
leave you  
alone...

Hey, hey,  
move  
away!

Kyaa

WHAT

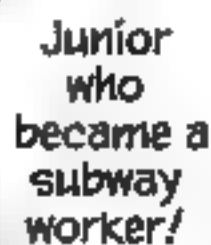








Tap

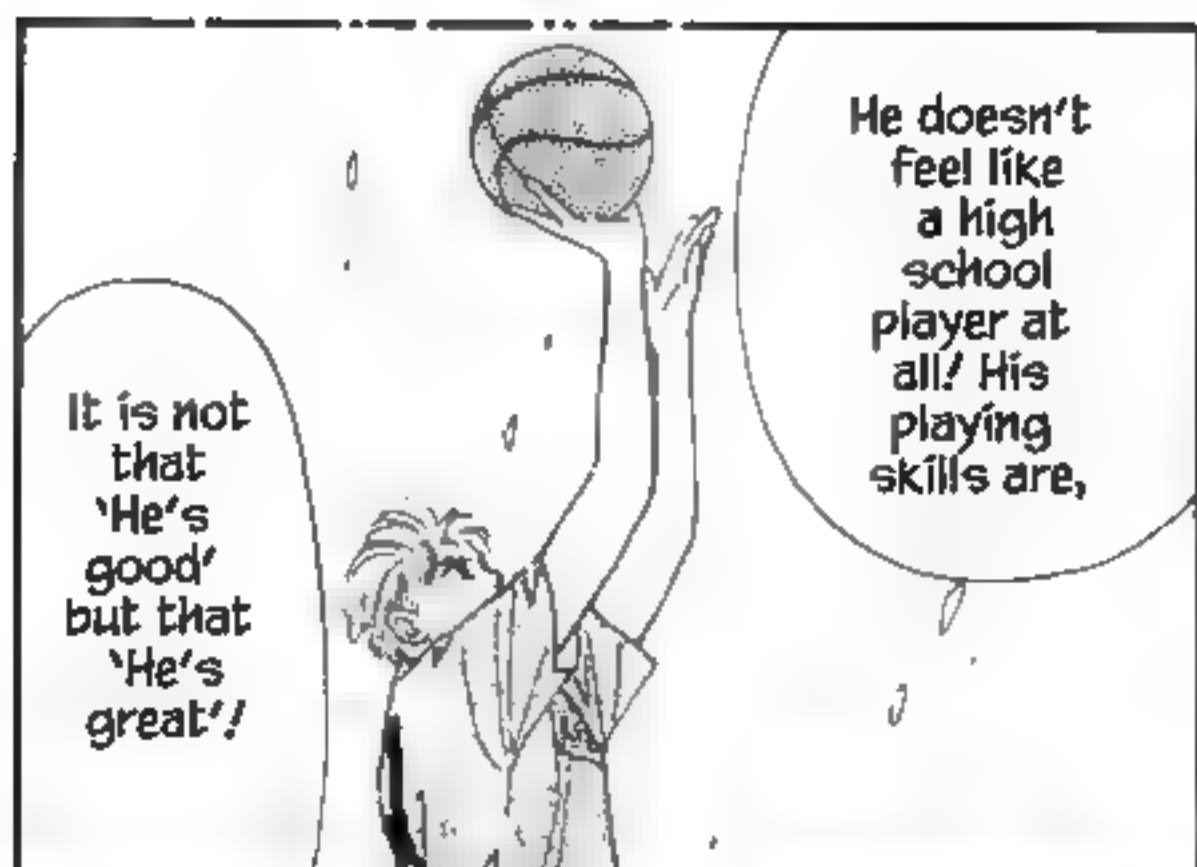


See Ya!



So there should be a practise game around this time...





It is not  
that  
'He's  
good'  
but that  
'He's  
great'!

He doesn't  
feel like  
a high  
school  
player at  
all! His  
playing  
skills are,



Maybe you  
thought  
'Damn  
that kid'?

Are you  
sure?  
Aren't  
you  
compli-  
menting  
him too  
much?



You  
will  
know  
soon!

But he  
already  
said  
that he  
won't join  
basketball  
club?

And  
we don't  
even  
know how  
good  
he is...



And I'm  
not  
jealous,

I didn't  
lose  
to him,



But  
...

I really  
want  
to play  
basketball  
with him!





And he is very tall.

タリ=デカ

Hey,  
national  
subway!



Doumoto  
didn't  
tell us  
about  
this...

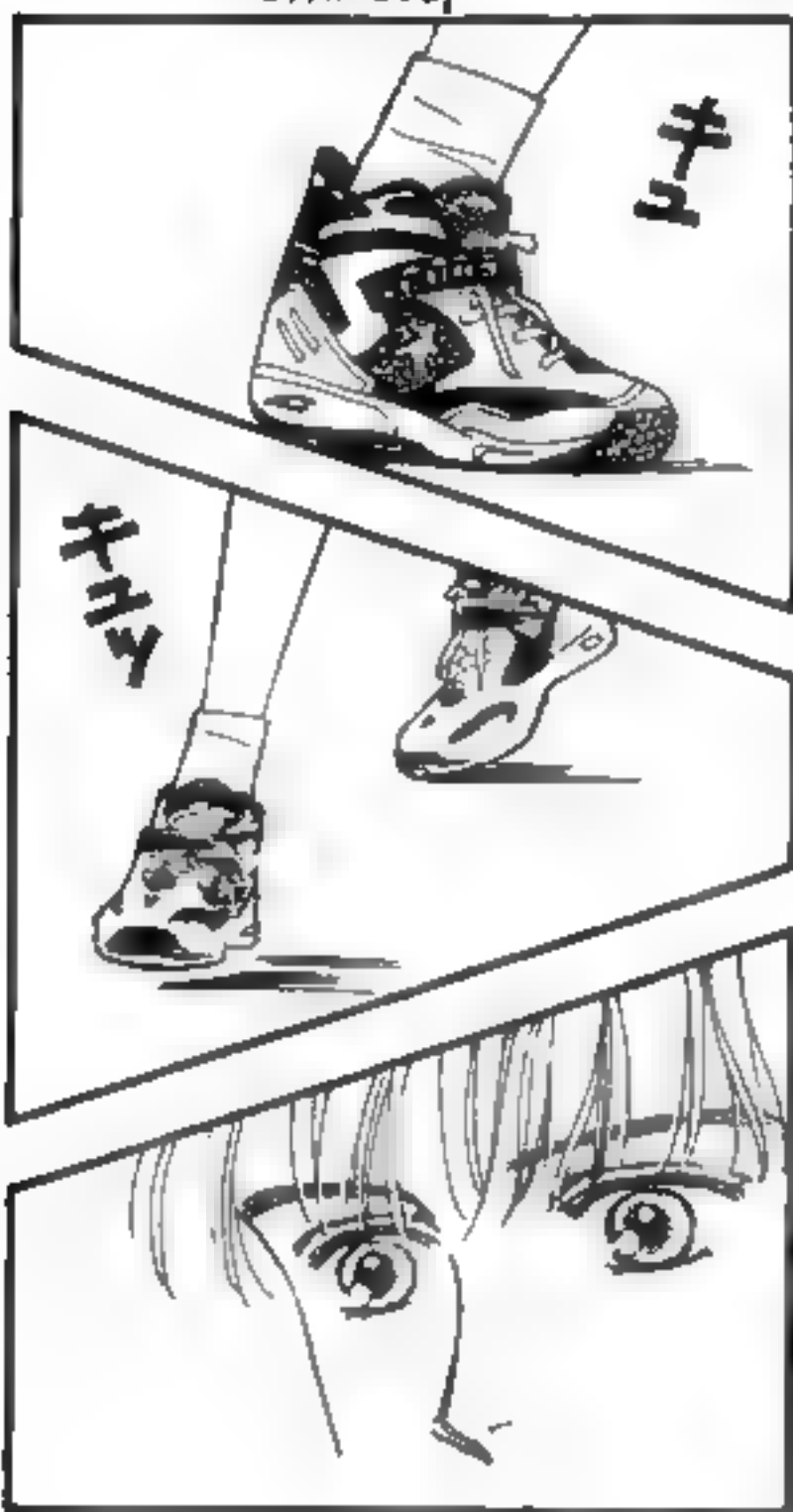
It's  
like an  
inter-  
national  
match.

Ah,  
yes?

I am more  
of normal  
subway  
than a  
national  
subway!



Sfx: Step



Sfx: Step



Sfx: Step



Are  
those  
shoes  
new?

Yeah,  
I got  
them  
as a  
gift for  
entering  
high school.



Sfx:  
Step



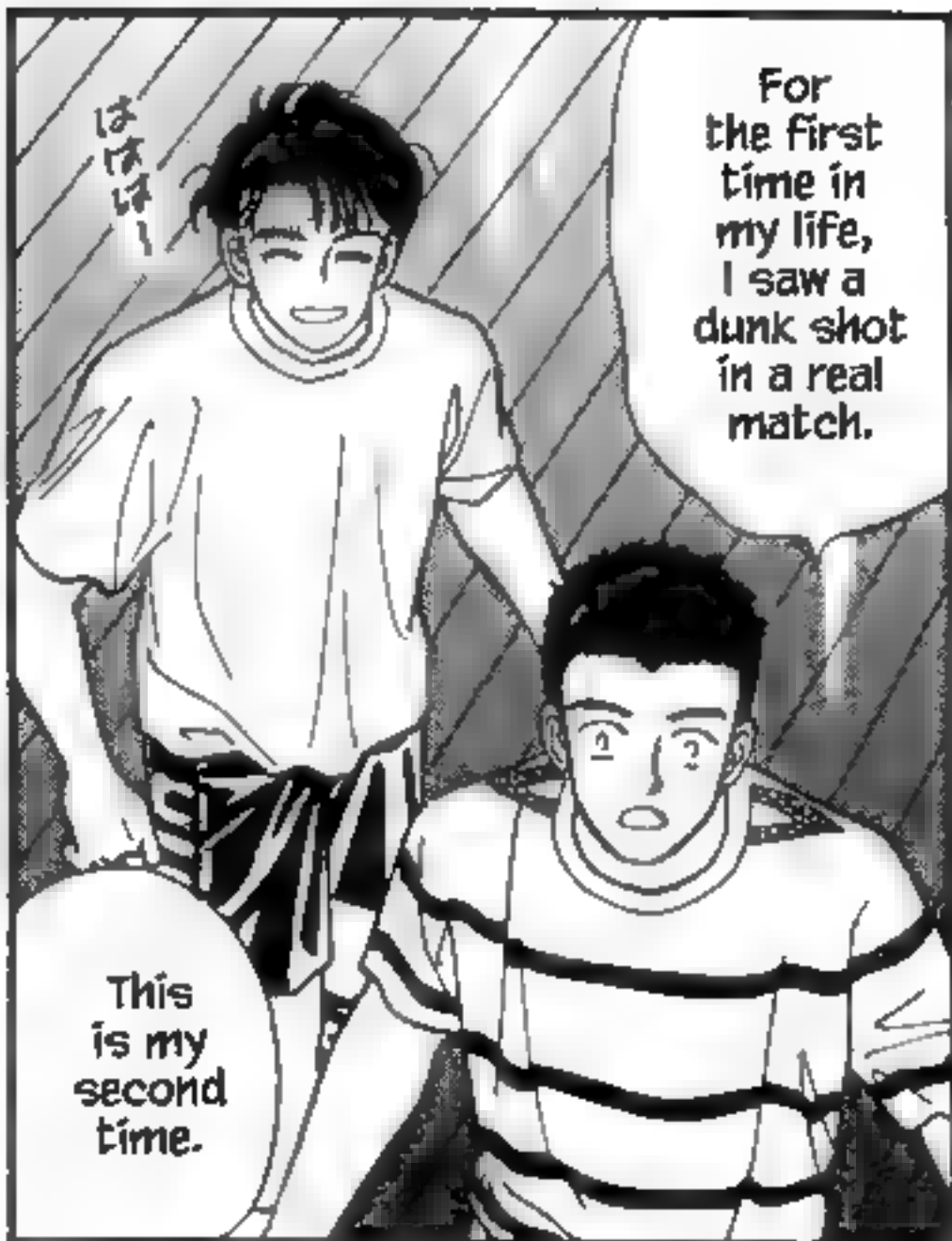
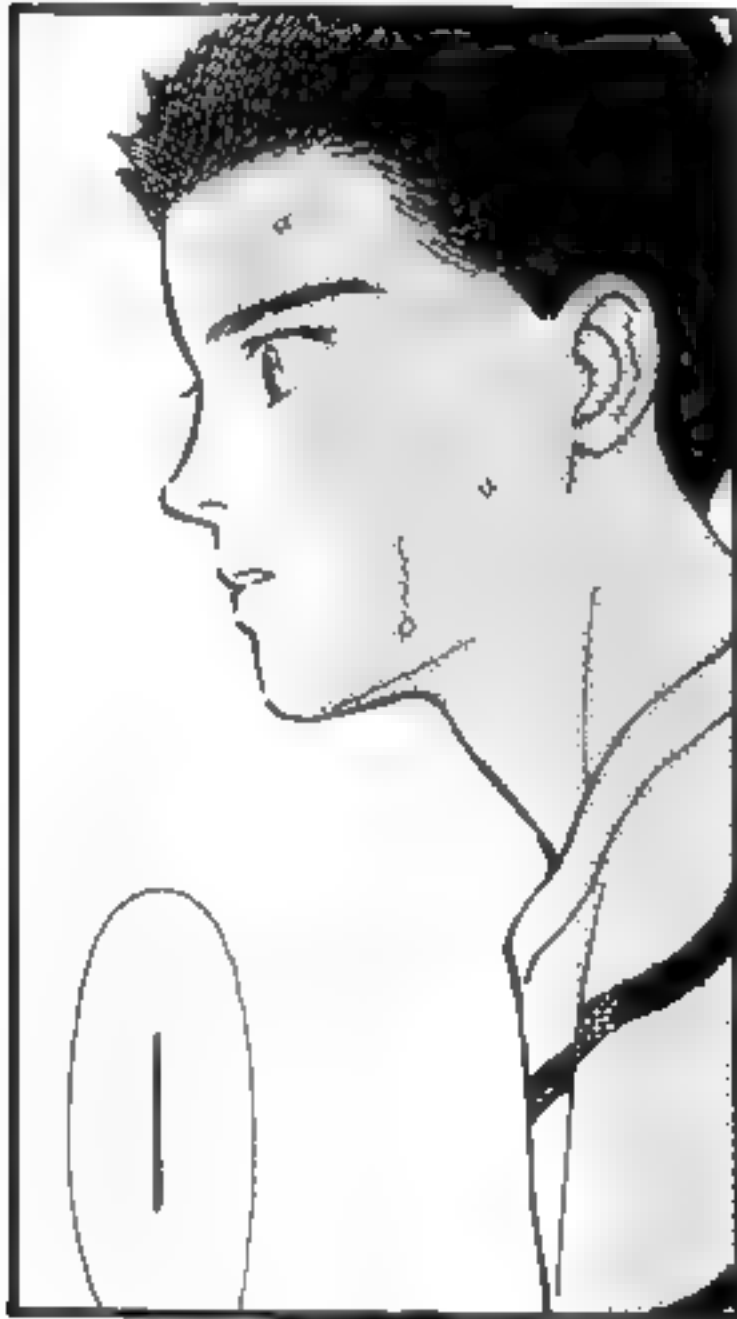
Sfx:  
Step

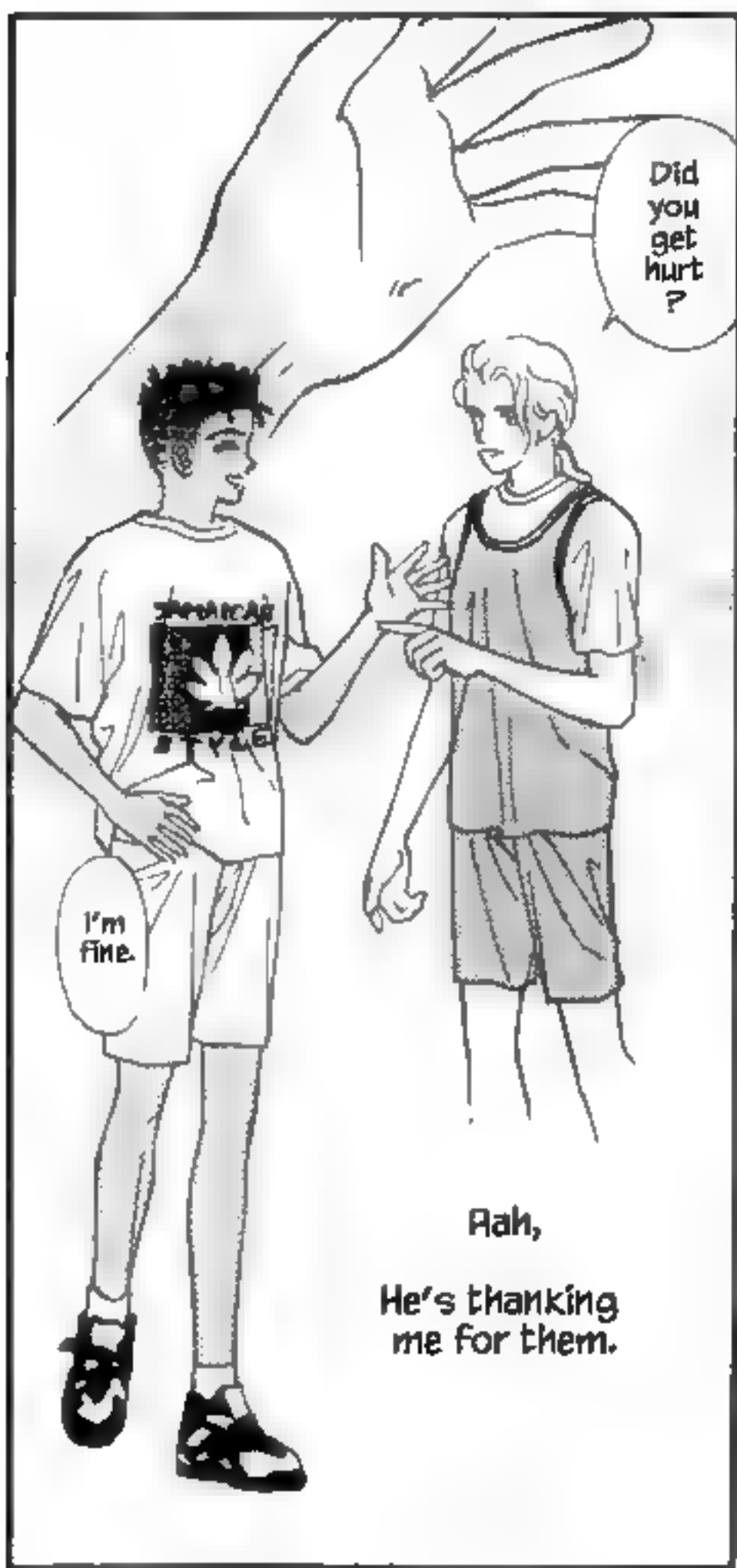
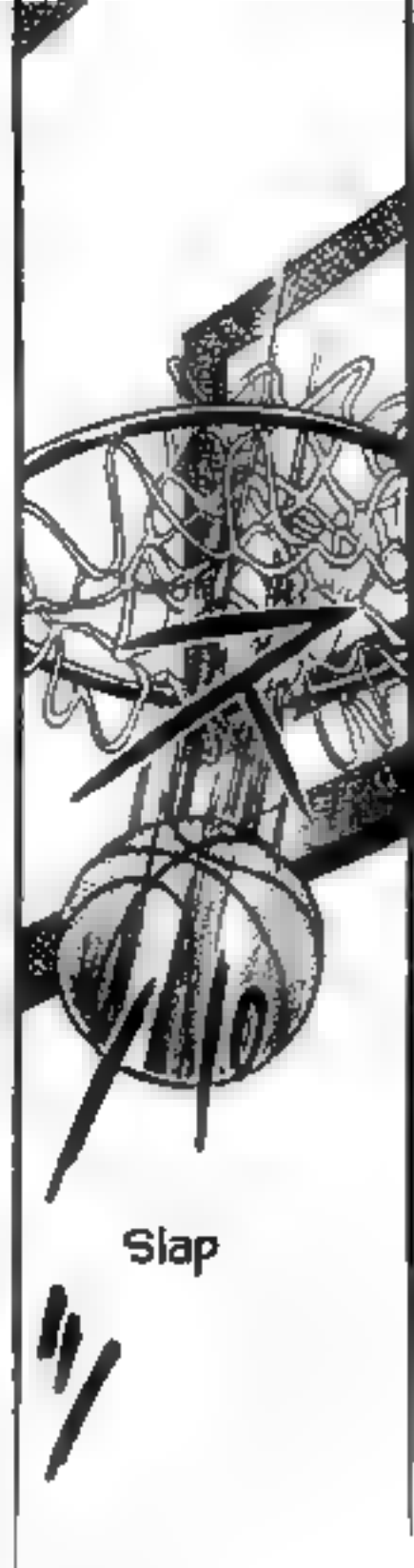
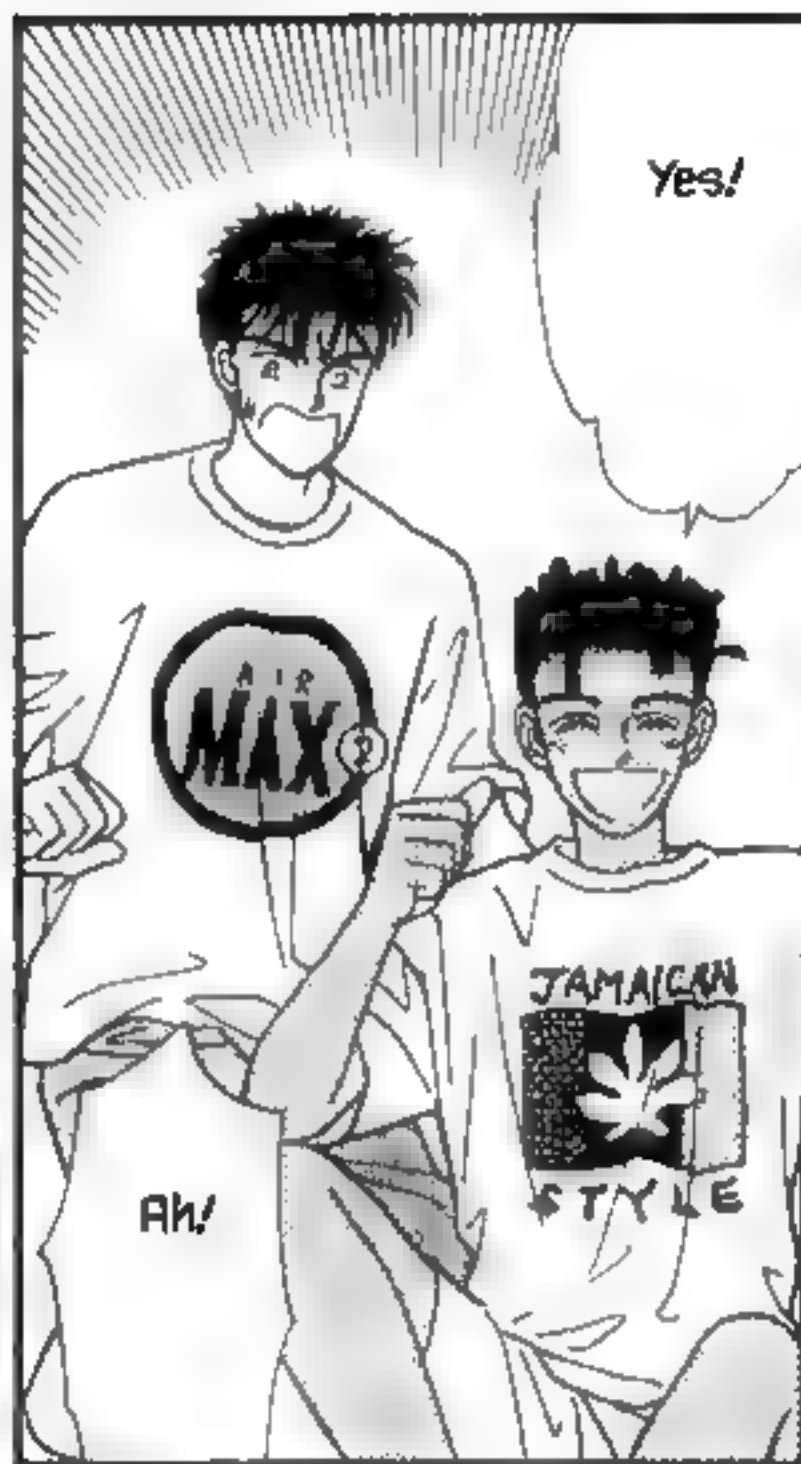






Sfx: Haha









Sfx: Slap

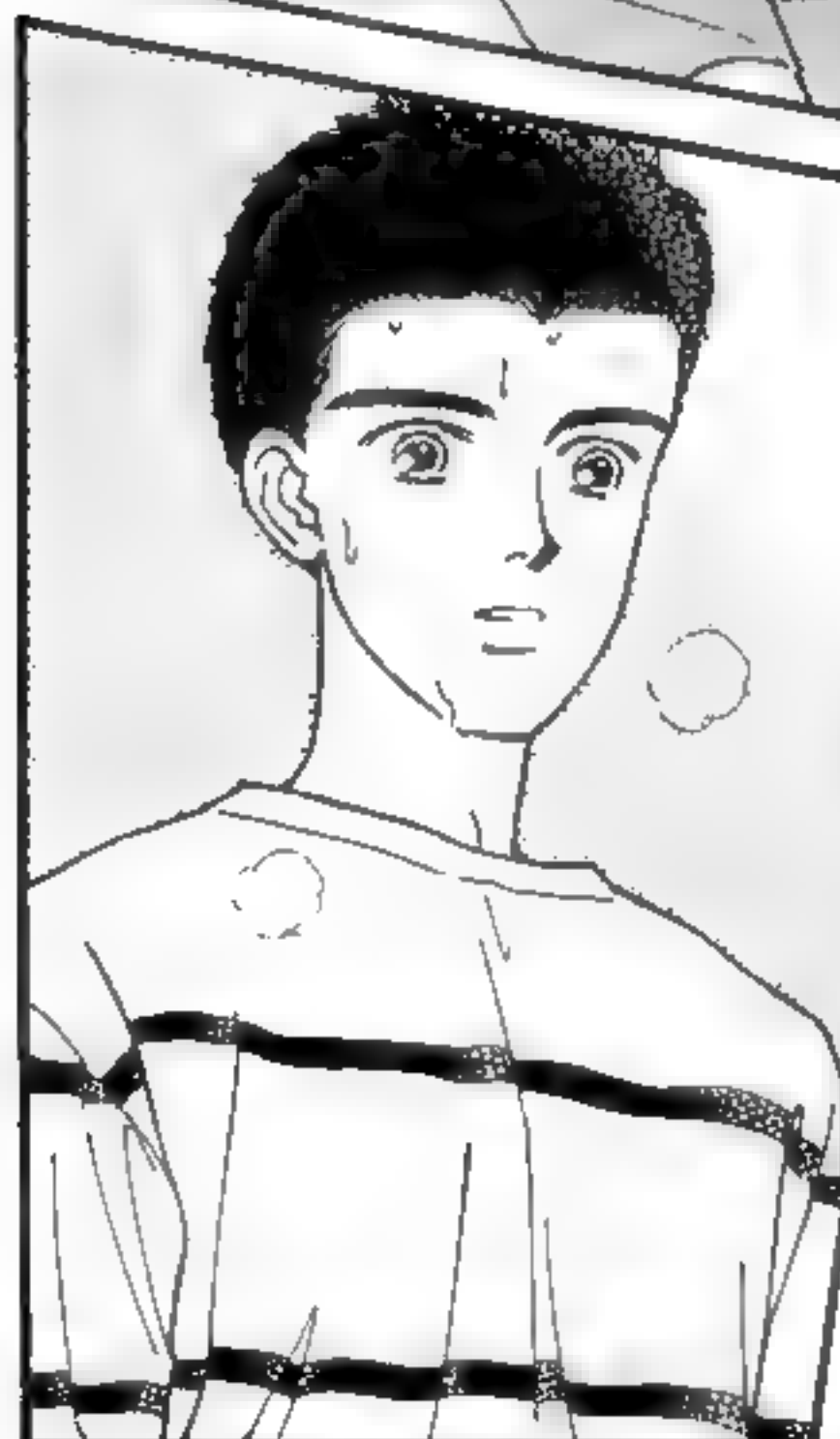


Sfx: Move





Bounce



all by  
him-  
self.

He  
brushed  
three  
people  
aside,

Damn  
it.



It's not that  
he's  
good, he's  
amazing.



He's  
fast!





Now I'm the one  
thinking 'damn that kid'.

When Michael joins us, we'll be  
fighting for the same position.

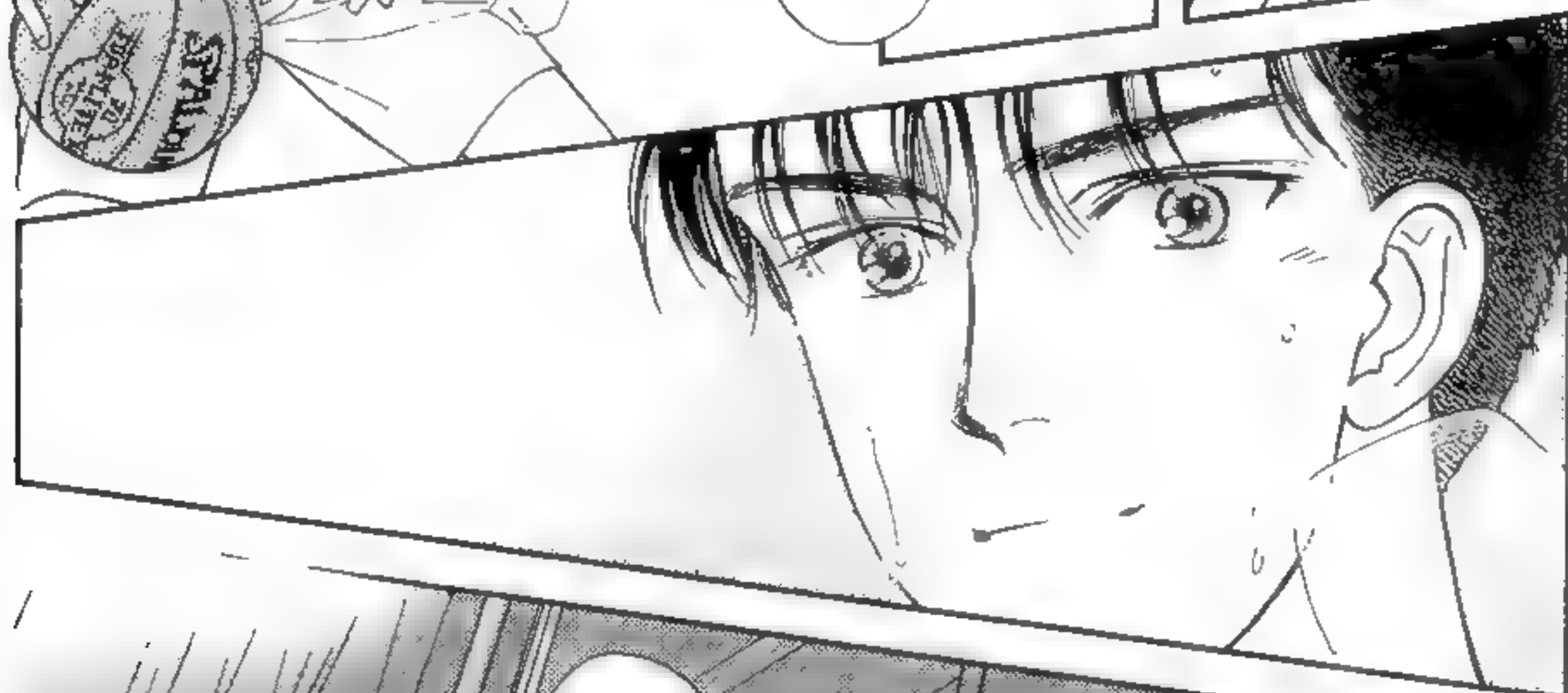


Why,

Why with him...



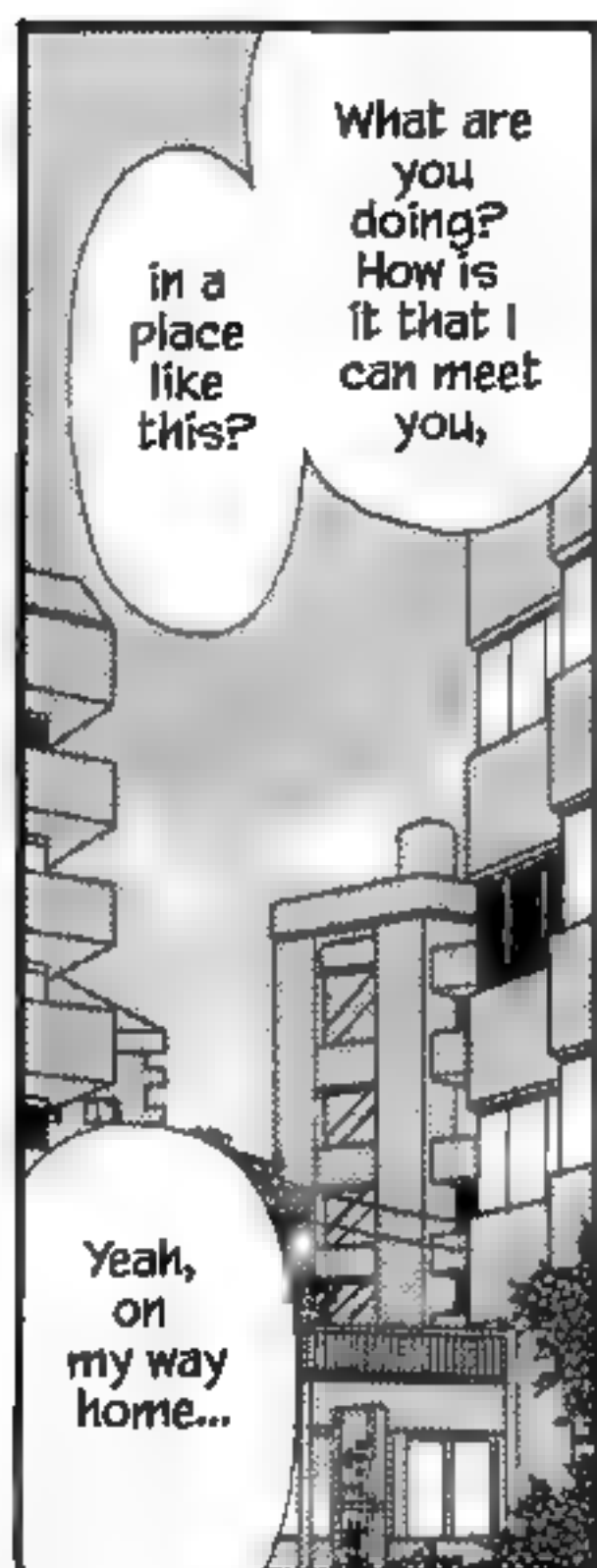
I have a strong desire to  
clear the court with him...





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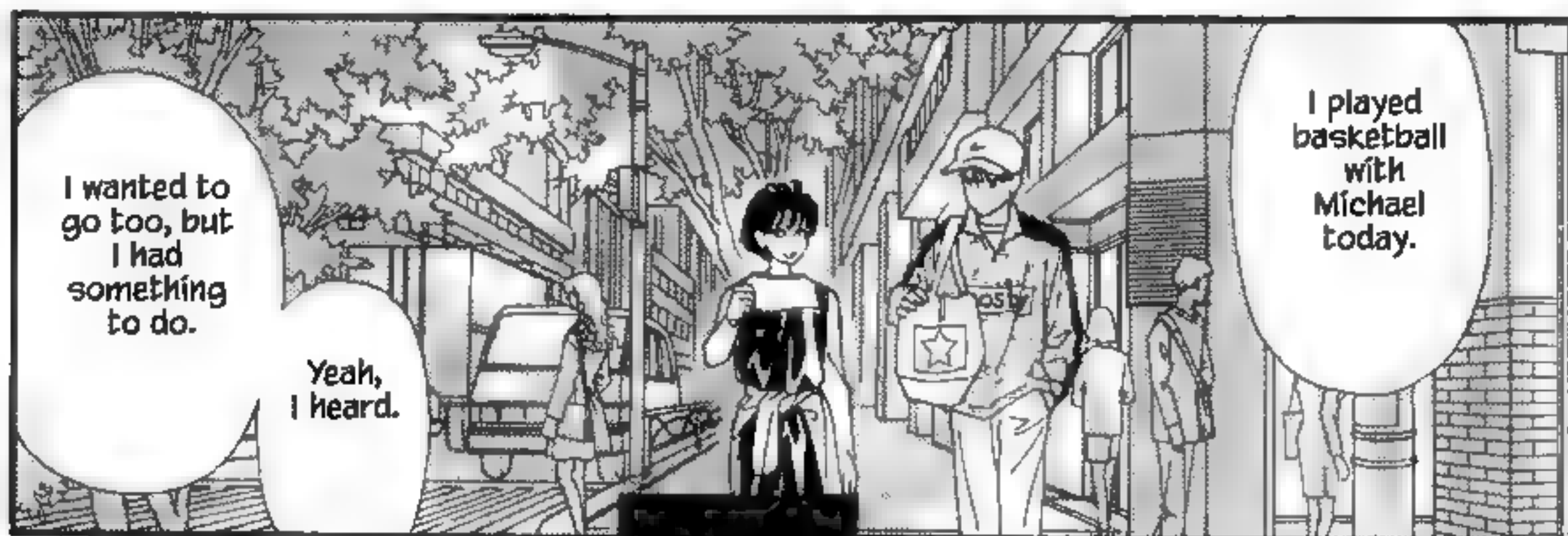
So you remembered.



Coach!









In a detailed way.

I don't know the reason,



If it's hard to answer, then you don't have to answer ...

No, well,



Ah, so...

Then what about in an abstract way?



There is one on their right side and one on their left side.

You know that one person has two guardian angels?

And the angel on the left side leads the person to evil things.

The angel on the right side leads the person to god,







Yes.



It's  
probably  
because  
he  
treasures  
you.

It's  
not  
be-  
cause  
he is  
worried,



The guardian angel  
on the right  
side and on the  
left side.







I think this is going to rip at the seams?

Look,



Ah,



It's worn away so much already?

This is amazing, Michael!

Huh?



Yeah, I know.

I was going to treasure it.

I'm sorry.



Do you want me to join the basketball club?

Riko ...



You don't have to be sorry.

I'm happy.



Do  
what  
you  
want.

I don't  
care,



Don't touch Riko.



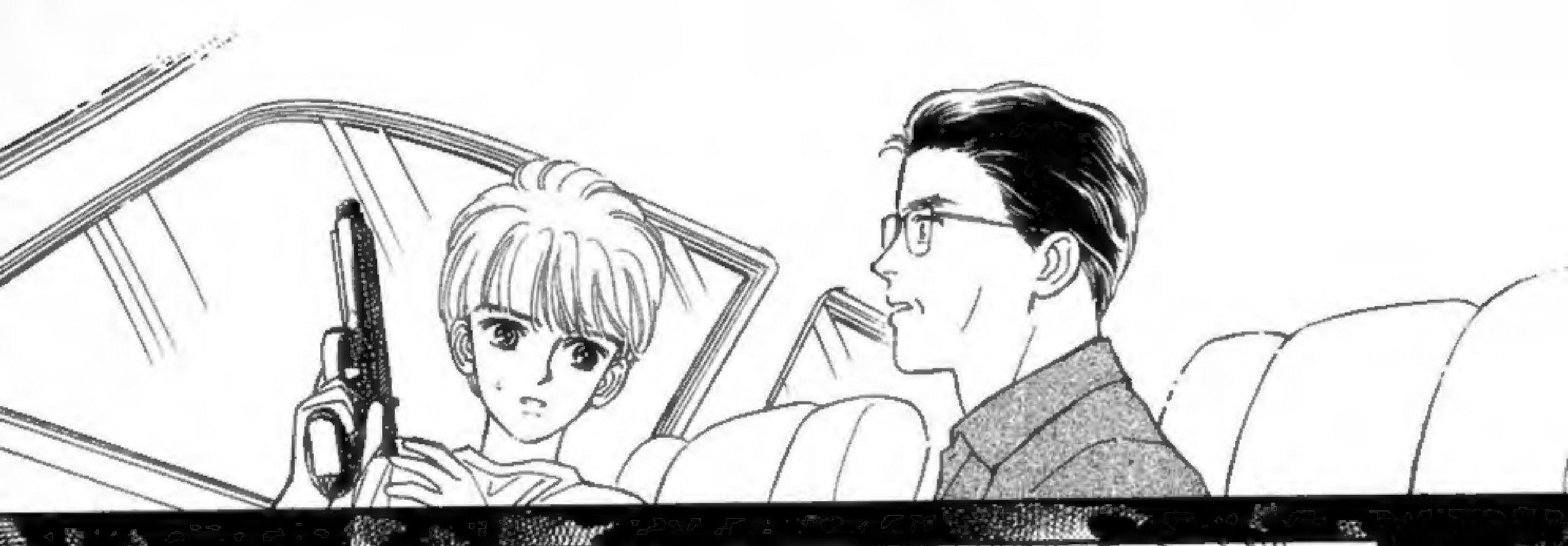
No,  
Michael!

Stop  
it!



Sfx:  
Woosh







About  
the left  
angel  
and the  
right  
angel...

I thought  
all night...

I still  
don't know...

寝不足

Sleep deprived...

He thinks  
that he will be  
evil if he  
joins the club.

What  
I can  
imagine  
now is,

Why  
?

Hey,  
Michael!

A  
week  
left  
until  
the  
practise  
match  
...









What!/?

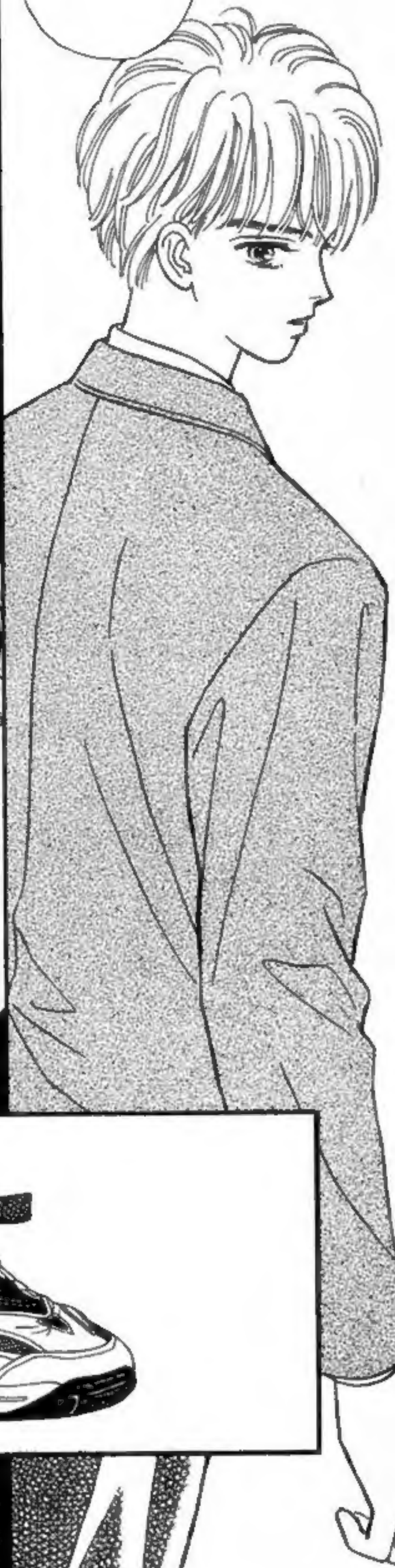


What...



Then,

I won't  
play  
basketball  
anymore.



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